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# LATE CENOZOIC PELECYPODS FROM NORTHERN VENEZUELA

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## ABSTRACT

One hundred and seventy-two species of pelecypods are described, compared, and illustrated. Of this total, 29 forms are Recent, 22 are Recent and fossil, and 121 are fossil. One of the Recent shells—*Donax higuerotensis* Weisbord—and 63 of the 121 fossil shells are believed to be new. The Recent pelecypods were collected on the beach at Playa Grande in the Distrito Federal, and at Higuerote, in the State of Miranda. The fossils were collected from the Guaiguaza clay at La Salina de Guaiguaza in the State of Carabobo, and from the Cabo Blanco group, in the Distrito Federal. The fossiliferous units of the Cabo Blanco group are, from younger to older, the Abisinia formation, the Mare formation, and the Playa Grande formation. Combining the pelecypods with the gastropods described in a previous work (Weisbord, 1962), and utilizing the Lyellian principle of chronological classification together with stratigraphic control (Weisbord, 1957), the Abisinia formation is assigned a Pleistocene age, the Guaiguaza clay a late Pliocene age, and the Mare and Playa Grande formations an early Pliocene age. The observation is made that although the pelecypod species are less numerous than the gastropod species, a significantly greater percentage of the pelecypods have survived to Recent time. Concerning the problem of correlation, it is postulated that the Playa Grande and Mare formations of the Cabo Blanco group are directly contemporaneous with the Cumaná beds of eastern Venezuela and roughly equivalent to the Caloosahatchee deposits of Florida; that the Playa Grande formation may be the time counterpart of the Punta Gavilan formation in the State of Falcon, Venezuela; and that the Guaiguaza clay was laid down at some time during the interval of deposition of the Matura formation of Trinidad and the Moín formation of Costa Rica.

## INTRODUCTION

This is the second of a series of monographs dealing with late Cenozoic and Recent invertebrates collected by the writer between 1955 and 1957 in northern Venezuela. The first monograph (Weisbord, 1962) was concerned with the Gastropoda; the present one deals with the Pelecypoda;<sup>1</sup> and a third, now in progress will be devoted to the Scaphopoda. The material described in these works was obtained from three locations in Venezuela: La Salina de Guaiguaza, approximately 6 kilometers west of Puerto Cabello, in the State of Carabobo; the Cabo Blanco area, about 17 kilometers northwest of Caracas, in the Distrito Federal; and Higuerote, some 88 kilometers east of Caracas, in the State of Miranda. The fossil shells were collected from La Salina de Guaiguaza and from the Cabo Blanco area, the Recent ones from the Cabo Blanco area

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(on the beach at the Playa Grande Yachting Club), and at Higuerote. In the 1962 paper, 288 species of gastropods were described, compared, and illustrated, and in the present one 172 species of pelecypods, both fossil and Recent, from one or the other of the localities mentioned above, are so treated. Most of the fossil pelecypods were obtained in the Cabo Blanco area, and each species from that area is given its stratigraphic position as determined from field observations by the writer and presented in his paper (Weisbord, 1957) titled "Notes on the Geology of the Cabo Blanco Area, Venezuela."

The systematic study of the pelecypods was started in July of 1960, and the manuscript submitted to the Paleontological Research Institution in May of 1962. The format of the present work is patterned after the gastropod paper, and again, as in that, the references to a species under synonymy rests on the authority of the one who has identified the species. For comparative studies of the Pelecypoda, the writer spent a total of ten weeks examining collections and consulting literature in the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard College, and the Paleontological Research Institution in Ithaca, New York. Many of the references under the heading of Bibliography were consulted in the libraries of the above-mentioned museums. The bibliography in the present monograph contains a number of references given in my gastropod monograph, but most of the items are additional ones. For all of the titles listed thus far, the Bibliography of both monographs should be consulted.

The pelecypods described in this work are deposited with the Paleontological Research Institution, Ithaca, New York, United States.

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## LOCALITIES

The localities from which the pelecypods were obtained, and the formations in which they occur are listed below. The letter preceding the locality description is the same as that prefixing the



number given to each species in the explanation of plates. All of the localities, except La Salina de Guaiguaza in the State of Carabobo, are shown on the geologic map accompanying the writer's paper (Weisbord, 1957) on the geology of the Cabo Blanco area. On the 1957 map field stations are marked by the letter "W", and some of the localities listed below refer to these stations.

- A. Beach, at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Recent.
- B. Beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Recent.
- C. Near south shore of La Salina de Guaiguaza, 5.6 kilometers west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. The fossils were collected from a drainage ditch about one meter in depth.
- D. Eastern edge of Playa Grande village at W-30. Abisinia formation.
- E. Approximately 115 meters south-southwest of the crossing of Quebrada Mare Abajo and coast road, and 90 meters southwest of W-12. Upper Mare formation.
- F. Hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo at W-14. Upper Mare formation.
- G. Hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo near W-14. Mare formation.
- H. 15 meters south of axis of Punta Gorda anticline at W-25. Mare formation.
- I. Hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo at W-13. Lower Mare formation.
- J. Small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo and 125 meters west-southwest of the intersection of Quebrada Mare Abajo and the coast road. Lower Mare formation.
- K. Bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road, and about 95 meters due south of the shoreline. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).
- L. South side of Playa Grande road about 200 meters west of W-15. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).
- M. South side of Playa Grande road 40 meters southwest of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).

- N. Near W-21 and to the south of that station in stream flowing along the strike of the north flank of the Litoral anticline. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).
- O. Dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault and 130 meters south of shoreline at W-22. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).
- P. North bank of Quebrada Las Pailas 35 meters south of Mare Abajo fault and 150 meters southwest of the intersection of the Mare Abajo fault and Maiquetía anticline. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member).
- Q. Quebrada Las Pailas at, and in the vicinity of W-4. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member).
- R. Quebrada Las Brucas at W-26 approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member).
- S. Near *Lithothamnium* reef at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member).
- T. Stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas and 255 meters east-northeast of wireless station. Upper Mare formation.
- U. South side of coast road at east end of the village of Catia La Mar. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).
- V. Scarp at W-18 about 200 meters south of the intersection of the Costa fault with the shoreline. Playa Grande formation (Catia member).
- X. In Quebrada Las Pailas at W-3, south side of Mare Abajo fault near its intersection with the Brucas fault. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member).

#### PELECYPODS FROM NORTHERN VENEZUELA

Following is a list of the pelecypods from northern Venezuela collected by the writer. Under the heading of "Formation" the abbreviations used are these:

Re=Recent

Sal=La Salina de Guaiguaza

Ab=Abisinia formation

Ma=Mare formation

PGm=Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member)

PGc=Playa Grande formation (Catia member)

| <i>Species</i>                                                                         | <i>Formation</i> | <i>Geologic range<br/>of known species</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <i>Nucula</i> ( <i>Nucula</i> ) <i>venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                 | PGm; Ma          |                                            |
| <i>Nucula</i> ( <i>Ennucula</i> ) <i>mareana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                   | Ma               |                                            |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>karlmartini</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.             | PGm; Ma          |                                            |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>axelolssoni</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.             | PGm; Ma          |                                            |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>marella</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                 | Ma               |                                            |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>species</i>                                     | PGc              |                                            |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Jupiteria</i> ?) <i>species</i>                                   | PGc              |                                            |
| <i>Adrana</i> cf. <i>tellinoides</i> (Sowerby)                                         | Ma               | Recent                                     |
| <i>Arca</i> ( <i>Arca</i> ) <i>zebra</i> Swainson                                      | Re               | Middle Miocene—Recent                      |
| <i>Arca</i> ( <i>Arca</i> ) <i>zebra abisiniana</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp.             | Ab               |                                            |
| <i>Arca</i> ( <i>Arca</i> ) <i>imbricata</i> Bruguière                                 | Re; Ab; Sal      | Lower Miocene—Recent                       |
| <i>Barbatia</i> ( <i>Barbatia</i> ) <i>candida</i><br>(Helbling)                       | Re; Ab           | Lower Miocene—Recent                       |
| <i>Barbatia</i> ( <i>Acar</i> ) <i>domingensis</i><br>(Lamarck)                        | Re; Ab           | Lower Miocene—Recent                       |
| <i>Barbatia</i> ( <i>Fugleria</i> ) <i>tenera</i><br>(C. B. Adams)                     | Re               | Recent                                     |
| <i>Arcopsis</i> <i>adamsi</i> "Shuttleworth"<br>(E. A. Smith)                          | Re; Sal          | Lower Miocene—Recent                       |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Larkinia</i> ) <i>notabilis</i><br>(Röding)                        | Re; PGm          | Middle Miocene—Recent                      |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Larkinia</i> ) <i>species</i>                                      | PGc              |                                            |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ) <i>ovalis</i><br>(Bruguière)                         | Re; Ma           | Upper ? Miocene—Recent                     |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ?) <i>caboblan-</i><br><i>quensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp. | PGm; Ma          |                                            |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ?) <i>mareana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                  | Ma               |                                            |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Cunearca</i> ) <i>brasiliانا</i><br>(Lamarck)                      | Re               | Upper Miocene—Recent                       |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Cunearca</i> ) <i>chemnitzii</i><br>(Philippi)                     | Re               | Pleistocene—Recent                         |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Cunearca</i> ) <i>cumanensis</i><br>(Dall)                         | PGm; Ma          | Mid. ? Miocene—Pliocene                    |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Cunearca</i> ) <i>species</i><br>indeterminate                     | PGc              | Middle Miocene, Pliocene                   |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Glycymeris</i> ) <i>undata</i><br>(Linnaeus)                    | PGm; Ma          | Miocene—Recent                             |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Tucetona</i> ) <i>pectinata</i><br>(Gmelin)                     | Ma               | Middle Miocene—Recent                      |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Glycymerella</i> ) <i>decussata</i><br>(Linnaeus)               | Re; Ma; PGm      | Middle Miocene—Recent                      |



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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| <i>Brachidontes</i> ( <i>Ischadium</i> ) <i>recurvus</i><br>(Rafinesque)                    | Re           | Upper Miocene—Recent   |
| <i>Modiolus americanus</i> Leach                                                            | Re           | Recent                 |
| <i>Musculus lateralis</i> (Say)                                                             | Ma           | Pliocene—Recent        |
| <i>Crenella divaricata</i> (d'Orbigny)                                                      | PGm; Ma      | Upper Miocene—Recent   |
| <i>Lioberus</i> ? <i>marensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                          | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Isognomon alatus</i> (Gmelin)                                                            | Re           | Pleistocene—Recent     |
| <i>Pinna</i> aff. <i>carnea</i> Gmelin                                                      | Ma; Ab       | Pliocene ?—Recent      |
| <i>Atrina</i> ( <i>Servatrina</i> ) <i>seminuda</i><br>(Lamarck)                            | Re           | Miocene ?, Recent      |
| <i>Atrina</i> ( <i>Servatrina</i> ?) aff. <i>seminuda</i><br>(Lamarck)                      | PGc          | Miocene ?, Recent      |
| <i>Atrina</i> ( <i>Servatrina</i> ) <i>serrata</i> ?<br>(Sowerby)                           | PGc          | Lower Pliocene—Recent  |
| <i>Plicatula gibbosa</i> Lamarck                                                            | PGm; Ma      | Pliocene—Recent        |
| <i>Plicatula venezuelana</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                                            | PGm          |                        |
| <i>Plicatula caribbeana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                                | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ) <i>catianus</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                         | PGc          |                        |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ) <i>caribeus</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                         | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ) <i>maiquetiensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                    | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ) <i>species</i>                                              | PGc          |                        |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ?) <i>remulus</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                         | PGm          |                        |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Euvola</i> ) <i>ziczac caboblan-</i><br><i>coensis</i> Druckerman        | PGc; PGm; Ma | Pliocene               |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Amusium</i> ) <i>papyraceus</i><br>(Gabb)                                | PGc          | Oligocene ?—Recent     |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Amusium</i> ) <i>marensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                        | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Chlamys</i> ) <i>ornata</i><br>(Lamarck)                                | Re           | Pleistocene—Recent     |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Chlamys</i> ) <i>benedicti</i><br>Verrill and Bush                      | PGc          | Recent                 |
| <i>Aequipecten muscosus</i> (Wood)                                                          | PGc          | Pliocene—Recent        |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Leptopecten</i> ) <i>desultoria</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                 | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Argopecten</i> ) <i>gibbus</i><br><i>antecessor</i> Weisbord, n. subsp. | PGc; PGm; Ma |                        |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Argopecten</i> ) <i>imitata</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                     | PGc          |                        |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> ) <i>nodosus</i> ?<br>(Linnaeus)                      | PGc          | Lower Miocene ?—Recent |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> ) <i>arnoldi</i><br>Aguerrevere                       | PGc          | Pliocene               |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> ) <i>species</i> "a"                                  | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> ) <i>species</i> "b"                                  | PGc          |                        |
| <i>Spondylus americanus</i> Hermann                                                         | PGc; PGm     | Pliocene—Recent        |
| <i>Lima</i> ( <i>Limaria</i> ) <i>pellucida</i><br>C. B. Adams                              | Re           | Recent                 |
| <i>Anomia mareana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                                      | Ma           |                        |
| <i>Anomia catiana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                                      | PGc          |                        |

|                                                                                                  |                    |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Pododesmus rudis</i> (Broderip)                                                               | Ma                 | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>libella</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                               | Sal                |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>pannucea</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                              | PGm                |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>lixula</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                | PGc; Ma            |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>caraboboensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                         | Sal                |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Crassostrea</i> ) <i>virginica</i><br>Gmelin                                  | Re                 | Oligocene—Recent      |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Crassostrea</i> ) <i>species</i>                                              | Re                 |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Crassostrea</i> ) <i>rhizophorae</i><br>Guilding                              | Re                 | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> ) <i>vespertina</i><br><i>venezuelana</i> Weisbord, n. subsp. | PGc; PGm; Ma       |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> ?) <i>caboblan-</i><br><i>quensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.        | PGc; PGm; Ma       |                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Agerostrea</i> ?) <i>antecursor</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                       | PGm                |                       |
| <i>Eucrassatella</i> ( <i>Hybolophus</i> )<br><i>antillarum</i> (Reeve)                          | Ma                 | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Crassinella aduncata</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                                     | Ma                 |                       |
| <i>Crassinella triquetra</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                                    | Ma                 |                       |
| <i>Cardita</i> ( <i>Carditamera</i> ) <i>gracilis</i><br>Shuttleworth                            | Re; Ab; Ma         | Recent                |
| <i>Venericardia</i> ( <i>Glyptoactis</i> ) <i>wendell-</i><br><i>woodringi</i> Weisbord, n. sp.  | PGm; Ma            |                       |
| <i>Mytilopsis leucophaeatus</i> ? Conrad                                                         | Re                 | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| <i>Diplodonta</i> ( <i>Diplodonta</i> ) <i>mareana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                       | Ma                 |                       |
| <i>Diplodonta</i> ( <i>Diplodonta</i> ) <i>semiaspera</i><br>Philippi                            | Re                 | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Cavilinga</i> ) <i>trisulcata blanda</i><br>(Dall and Simpson)                | Ma                 | Recent                |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Callucina</i> ?) <i>species</i>                                               | PGm                |                       |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Bellucina</i> ) <i>katherinepalmerae</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                  | Ma                 |                       |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Parvilucina</i> ) <i>ephraimi</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                         | PGm; Ma            |                       |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Parvilucina</i> ) <i>multilineata</i><br>Tuomey and Holmes                    | PGm                | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Luciniscia</i> ) <i>muricata</i><br>(Spengler)                                | Sal                |                       |
| <i>Codakia</i> ( <i>Lentillaria</i> ) <i>orbicularis</i><br>(Linnaeus)                           | Ab; PGm            | Middle Miocene—Recent |
| <i>Codakia</i> ( <i>Jagonia</i> ) <i>orbiculata</i><br>(Montagu)                                 | Re                 | Pliocene ?—Recent     |
| <i>Codakia</i> ( <i>Jagonia</i> ) <i>pectinata</i><br>(C. B. Adams)                              | Re                 | Recent                |
| <i>Codakia</i> ( <i>Jagonia</i> ) <i>umbonicostata</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                       | Ma                 |                       |
| <i>Divaricella</i> ? <i>species</i>                                                              | PGc                |                       |
| <i>Bornia tacaguana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                                         | Ma                 |                       |
| <i>Chama congregata</i> Conrad                                                                   | Re; Ab; Ma;<br>PGm | Middle Miocene—Recent |

|                                                             |              |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Chama macerophylla</i> Gmelin                            | Re; Ab; PGm  | Middle Miocene—Recent |
| <i>Chama florida</i> Lamarck                                | Re           | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| <i>Chama sinuosa bermudensis</i> Heilprin                   | Sal; Ab      | Recent                |
| <i>Pseudochama radians</i> (Lamarck)                        | Re; Ab       | Recent                |
| <i>Pseudochama</i> ? species                                | Ab           |                       |
| <i>Echinochama</i> species "a"                              | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Echinochama</i> species "b"                              | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Trachycardium</i> (Dallocardia)                          | Re; Sal; Ma; |                       |
| <i>muricatum</i> (Linnaeus)                                 | PGm          | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Trachycardium</i> ( <i>Trachycardium</i> )               |              |                       |
| cf. <i>isocardia</i> (Linnaeus)                             | PGm; Ma      | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Trigoniocardia</i> ( <i>Trigoniocardia</i> )             |              |                       |
| <i>caboblanquensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                     | PGm; Ma      |                       |
| <i>Trigoniocardia</i> ( <i>Americardia</i> )                |              |                       |
| <i>media</i> (Linnaeus)                                     | Re; PGm      | Middle Miocene—Recent |
| <i>Laevicardium</i> ? species                               | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Papyridea</i> aff. <i>soleniformis</i>                   |              |                       |
| (Bruguière)                                                 | Ma           | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Dosinia</i> ( <i>Dosinidia</i> ) <i>concentrica</i>      |              |                       |
| <i>prosapia</i> Weisbord, n. subsp.                         | Ma; PGm; PGc |                       |
| <i>Anomalocardia brasiliensis</i> (Gmelin)                  | Sal          | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| <i>Anomalocardia venezuelana</i>                            |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | Sal          |                       |
| <i>Tivela</i> ( <i>Tivela</i> ) <i>mactroides</i> (Born)    | Re; Ab       | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| <i>Tivela</i> ( <i>Planitivela</i> ) <i>venezuelana</i>     |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Gouldia venezuelana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                 | PGm; Ma      |                       |
| <i>Gouldia</i> ? <i>diffidentia</i> Weisbord,               |              |                       |
| n. sp.                                                      | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Transennella caboblanquensis</i>                         |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | PGm; Ma      |                       |
| <i>Transennella venezuelana</i>                             |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | PGm          |                       |
| <i>Macrocallista maculata</i> (Linnaeus)                    | Sal; Ma; PGm |                       |
|                                                             | PGc          | Lower Miocene—Recent  |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitar</i> ) <i>albida</i> (Gmelin)        | Sal          | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitar</i> ) <i>maiquetiensis</i>          |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitar</i> ?) <i>antillensis</i>           |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Nanopitar</i> ?) <i>marensis</i>          |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitarella</i> ?) <i>scutellaris</i>       |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | Ma           |                       |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Hysteroconcha</i> ) <i>dione</i>          |              |                       |
| (Linnaeus)                                                  | Re; Ab; Ma   | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Periglypta</i> aff. <i>listeri</i> (Gray)                | Ma           | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| <i>Antigona</i> ( <i>Ventricolaria</i> ) aff. <i>rigida</i> |              |                       |
| Dillwyn                                                     | PGm          | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Antigona</i> ( <i>Ventricolaria</i> ) <i>rugatina</i>    |              |                       |
| (Heilprin)                                                  | Re           | Pliocene—Recent       |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ) <i>cancellata</i>           | Re; Sal; Ma; |                       |
| (Linnaeus)                                                  | PGm          | Miocene—Recent        |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ) <i>pailasana</i>            |              |                       |
| Weisbord, n. sp.                                            | PGm          |                       |



|                                                    |             |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Chione (Chione ?) mammoensis<br>Weisbord, n. sp.   | PGm; Ab     |                       |
| Chione (Chione ?) laciniosa<br>Weisbord, n. sp.    | Ma          |                       |
| Chione (Timoclea) tacaguana<br>Weisbord, n. sp.    | PGm         |                       |
| Chione (Chionopsis) subrostrata<br>(Lamarck)       | Re          | Recent                |
| Chione (Lirophora) riomaturensis<br>Maury          | Ma          | Pliocene              |
| Chione (Lirophora) cultellata<br>Weisbord, n. sp.  | Ma          |                       |
| Petricola (Naranio) lapicida<br>(Gmelin)           | PGm         | Pliocene—Recent       |
| Petricola (Rupellaria) typica (Jonas)              | Re; Ab      | Pliocene—Recent       |
| Pleiorytis venezuelensis<br>Weisbord, n. sp.       | Ma          |                       |
| Tellina (Tellina ?) sp. indet.                     | PGm         |                       |
| Tellina (Eurytellina) punicea Born                 | Ma; PGm     | Pliocene ?, Recent    |
| Tellina (Eurytellina) nitens<br>C. B. Adams        | Ma; PGm     | Recent                |
| Tellina (Eurytellina) alternata ?<br>Say           | PGm         | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| Tellina (Merisca) cristallina<br>Spengler          | Ma          | Mid. Miocene ?—Recent |
| Strigilla pisiformis (Linnaeus)                    | Re; Ab      | Lower Miocene—Recent  |
| Strigilla carnaria (Linnaeus)                      | Re; Ab; PGm | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| Macoma (Psammacoma) hybrida<br>Weisbord, n. sp.    | Ma          |                       |
| Semele purpurascens (Gmelin)                       | Re          | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| Semele proficua (Pulteney)                         | Re; Ma      | Pliocene—Recent       |
| Semelina nuculoides (Conrad)                       | PGm         | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| Donax denticulatus Linnaeus                        | Re          | Pleistocene—Recent    |
| Donax striatus Linnaeus                            | Re          | Pliocene—Recent       |
| Donax higerotensis<br>Weisbord, n. sp.             | Re          | Recent                |
| Donax vagus Weisbord, n. sp.                       | Ma          |                       |
| Donax marensis Weisbord, n. sp.                    | Ma          |                       |
| Sanguinolaria (Psammotella)<br>operculata (Gmelin) | Re          | Recent                |
| Tagelus plebeius (Solander)                        | Re          | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| Solen (Solena) obliquus Spengler                   | Re          | Miocene—Recent        |
| Solen species                                      | Ma          |                       |
| Solecurtus cumingianus (Dunker)                    | Ma; PGm     | Pliocene—Recent       |
| Mactra (Mactrellona ?) iheringi<br>(Dall)          | Re          | Recent                |
| Mulinia cleryana (d'Orbigny)                       | Re          | Recent                |
| Labiosa (Raeta) aff. plicatella<br>(Lamarck)       | PGm         | Upper Miocene—Recent  |
| Ervilia nitens venezuelana<br>Weisbord, n. subsp.  | Ma; PGm     |                       |
| Ervilia antilleana Weisbord, n. sp.                | Ma; PGm     |                       |
| Ervilia caribbeana Weisbord, n. sp.                | PGm         |                       |
| Ervilia mareana Weisbord, n. sp.                   | Ma          |                       |
| Corbula (Juliacorbula) aequivalvis<br>Philippi     | Sal         | Pliocene—Recent       |

|                                                                                          |          |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Caryocorbula</i> ) cf.<br><i>lavalleana</i> d'Orbigny                | Sal; Ma  | Pliocene—Recent      |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Notocorbula</i> ) <i>bruscasensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.            | PGm      |                      |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Notocorbula</i> ) <i>punta-</i><br><i>gordensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp. | Ma       |                      |
| <i>Martesia striata</i> (Linnaeus)                                                       | Re       | Pliocene—Recent      |
| <i>Periploma margaritacea</i> (Lamarck)                                                  | Re; Ma   | Recent               |
| <i>Cyathodonta</i> cf. <i>tristani</i> Olsson                                            | PGm; PGc | Middle—upper Miocene |
| <i>Pholadomya</i> cf. <i>candida</i> Sowerby                                             | PGc      | Pleistocene—Recent   |

## RECENT PELECYPODS FROM PLAYA GRANDE AND HIGUEROTE

Dead shells of Recent bivalves were collected on the beach west of the breakwater at Playa Grande in the Distrito Federal (Fig. 2), and on the beach southeast of the town of Higuerote in the State of Miranda. The air-line distance between the beaches is 102 kilometers. At neither locality are the shells especially abundant. The beach southeast of Higuerote is sandy, and shelves gently seaward, whereas much of the shore at Playa Grande is floored with Quaternary beachrock. The beachrock extends seaward as well as landward, and the littoral marine mollusks are mostly gastropods. Conversely, the sandy bottom at Higuerote is more favorable for pelecypods and these outnumber the species of gastropods. At both localities the intertidal zone is narrow, and the difference in tide level is small. The surface salinity of the seawater is of the order of 36.5 parts per thousand during July-September, and the average monthly air temperature, as recorded by the U.S. Weather Bureau from shipboard observations, varies from 87.5°F. in February to 82.8°F. in September. According to Donn S. Gorsline<sup>3</sup> of the Oceanographic Institute at Florida State University, the air temperature compares closely with the surface temperature of the ocean in this general area. At a depth of 200 meters the temperature is about 59°F., and this is fairly constant. The main thermal variation in seawater is confined to the uppermost 50 to 60 meters.

Below is a list of the pelecypods collected at Playa Grande and Higuerote.

| <i>Species</i>                                         | <i>Playa Grande</i> | <i>Higuerote</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <i>Arca</i> ( <i>Arca</i> ) <i>zebra</i> Swainson      | X                   |                  |
| <i>Arca</i> ( <i>Arca</i> ) <i>imbricata</i> Bruguière | X                   |                  |

<sup>3</sup>Written communication dated 9 May 1958.

|                                                  |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| Barbatia (Barbatia) candida (Helbling)           | X |   |
| Barbatia (Acar) domingensis (Lamarck)            | X |   |
| Barbatia (Fugleria) tenera (C. B. Adams)         | X |   |
| Arcopsis adamsi "Shuttleworth" (E. A. Smith)     | X |   |
| Anadara (Larkinia) notabilis (Röding)            | X |   |
| Anadara (Lunarca) ovalis (Bruguière)             | X |   |
| Anadara (Cunearca) brasiliiana (Lamarck)         | X | X |
| Anadara (Cunearca) chemnitzii (Philippi)         | X |   |
| Glycymeris (Glycymerella) decussata (Linnaeus)   | X |   |
| Brachidontes (Ischadium) recurvus (Rafinesque)   | X |   |
| Modiolus americanus Leach                        | X |   |
| Isognomom alatus (Gmelin)                        |   | X |
| Atrina (Servatrina) seminuda (Lamarck)           |   | X |
| Chlamys (Chlamys) ornata (Lamarck)               | X |   |
| Lima (Limaria) pellucida C. B. Adams             | X |   |
| Ostrea (Crassostrea) virginica Gmelin            |   | X |
| Ostrea (Crassostrea) species                     |   | X |
| Ostrea (Crassostrea) rhizophorae Guilding        |   | X |
| Cardita (Carditamera) gracilis Shuttleworth      | X |   |
| Mytilopsis leucophaeatus ? Conrad                |   | X |
| Diplodonta (Diplodonta) semiaspera Philippi      | X |   |
| Codakia (Jagonia) orbiculata (Montagu)           | X |   |
| Codakia (Jagonia) pectinata (C. B. Adams)        | X |   |
| Chama congregata Conrad                          | X |   |
| Chama macerophylla Gmelin                        | X | X |
| Chama florida Lamarck                            | X |   |
| Pseudochama radians (Lamarck)                    | X |   |
| Trachycardium (Dallocardia) muricatum (Linnaeus) | X | X |
| Trigoniocardia (Americardia) media (Linnaeus)    | X |   |
| Tivela (Tivela) mactroides (Born)                |   | X |
| Pitar (Hysteroconcha) dione (Linnaeus)           |   | X |
| Antigona (Ventricolaria) rugatina (Heilprin)     | X |   |
| Chione (Chione) cancellata (Linnaeus)            | X | X |
| Chione (Chionopsis) subrostrata (Lamarck)        |   | X |
| Petricola (Rupellaria) typica (Jonas)            | X |   |
| Strigilla pisiformis (Linnaeus)                  |   | X |
| Strigilla carnaria (Linnaeus)                    | X | X |
| Semele purpurascens (Gmelin)                     | X |   |
| Semele proficua (Pulteney)                       | X |   |
| Donax denticulatus Linnaeus                      |   | X |
| Donax striatus Linnaeus                          |   | X |
| Donax higuerotensis Weisbord, n. sp.             |   | X |
| Sanguinolaria (Psammotella) operculata (Gmelin)  |   | X |
| Tagelus plebeius (Solander)                      |   | X |
| Solen (Solena) obliquus Spengler                 |   | X |
| Mactra (Mactrellona ?) iheringi (Dall)           |   | X |
| Mulinia cleryana (d'Orbigny)                     |   | X |
| Martesia striata (Linnaeus)                      |   | X |
| Periploma margaritacea (Lamarck)                 | X |   |

## PELECYPODES FROM LA SALINA DE GUAIGUAZA

For the little geologic information available on the area around the salt pond known as La Salina de Guaiguaza the reader is referred



to my 1962 paper. All of the fossils at La Salina were collected from gray and brown clays at a depth of about one meter below the surface, in a drainage ditch near the south end of the pond. The pelecypods obtained there are the following:

| <i>Species</i>                                                            | <i>Geologic range<br/>or known species</i> | <i>Geologic range of<br/>nearest related species</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Arca</i> ( <i>Arca</i> ) <i>imbricata</i><br>Bruguière                 | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Arcopsis</i> <i>adamsi</i> "Shuttle-<br>worth" (E. A. Smith)           | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>libella</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.        |                                            | Pleistocene—Recent                                   |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>caraboboensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.     |                                            | Lower Miocene                                        |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Luciniscia</i> ) <i>muricata</i><br>(Spengler)         | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |
| <i>Chama sinuosa bermudensis</i><br>Heilprin                              | Recent                                     |                                                      |
| <i>Trachycardium</i> ( <i>Dallocardia</i> ) <i>muricatum</i> (Linnaeus)   | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |
| <i>Anomalocardia brasiliana</i><br>(Gmelin)                               | Up. Miocene—Recent                         |                                                      |
| <i>Anomalocardia venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                      |                                            | Up. Miocene—Recent                                   |
| <i>Macrocallista maculata</i><br>(Linnaeus)                               | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitar</i> ) <i>albida</i><br>(Gmelin)                   | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ) <i>cancellata</i><br>(Linnaeus)           | Miocene—Recent                             |                                                      |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Juliacorbula</i> )<br><i>quivalvis Philippi</i>       | Mid-Miocene—Recent                         |                                                      |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Caryocorbula</i> ) cf.<br><i>lavalleana</i> d'Orbigny | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |

Fourteen species of pelecypods were collected, and 11 of them, or 78 per cent are living today. Of the gastropods obtained from the same clays (Weisbord, 1962), 9, or 36 per cent are living to-day, and it is anticipated that some of the new species of gastropods will eventually be found in the Recent fauna. Combining the gastropods and pelecypods, 51 per cent of the 39 species collected at La Salina are known to be still extant. Applying Lyell's principle for the subdivision of the Cenozoic era into epochs, but without putting too fine a point on it, the percentage of mollusks in the La Salina fauna which have survived to the present, suggests that the Guaiguaza clays are Pliocene—probably late Pliocene—in age.

THE CABO BLANCO GROUP  
STRATIGRAPHY

The Cabo blanco group is a sedimentary complex forming the terrain between the Venezuelan Coast Range and the Caribbean Sea, and occupying a narrow east-west belt between La Guaira and Catia La Mar in the Distrito Federal. The stratigraphy of the Cabo Blanco group is summarized in the following table.

| <i>Formation</i>          |                  | <i>Thickness<br/>(meters)</i> | <i>Description</i>                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sub-Recent and Quaternary |                  | ± 3                           | Bench - forming beachrock and reefs, and reworked clays, sands, and gravels.                                                  |
| Abisinia formation        |                  | 13 (max.)                     | Clays, silts, sands, and gravels. Locally with fossils.                                                                       |
| Mare formation            |                  | Disconformity<br>19 (max.)    | Friable grits at base, soft siltstones above. Highly fossiliferous.                                                           |
| Playa Grande formation    | Maiquetía member | Unconformity<br>± 34          | Shales, siltstones, calcareous sandstones, and conglomerates. Bioherms of coralline algae. Other fossils moderately abundant. |
|                           | Catia member     | 156-233                       |                                                                                                                               |
| Las Pailas formation      |                  | Unconformity<br>375 +         | Non-fossiliferous mudstones, siltstones, sandstones, and conglomerates (Fig. 1).                                              |

Noteworthy features of the section at Cabo Blanco are 1) the beds of subrecent to Recent beachrock, and 2) the fossil bioherms and biostromes of calcareous algae. The beachrock (Fig. 2) occurs along the shore and is especially well displayed from the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas westward to the Playa Grande Yachting Club. The beachrock is essentially a beach conglomerate composed of such beach debris as rocks, shells, and reef-dwelling remains which

have been cemented by calcium carbonate. Inland from the shoreline, the Cabo Blanco beachrock forms the floor of some of the small streams near their debouchment, and seaward from the shoreline the beachrock may extend some scores of meters to form the sea bottom. The planed surface of the beachrock indicates marine abrasion, and the dip of the beachrock is at a low angle toward the sea. If memory serves me correctly, I recall having seen a bottle-cap or some man-made contrivance cemented by calcareous carbonate into the beachrock, and this would mean that the processes of calcium carbonate precipitation and cementation are going on to-day. The problem of beachrock formation has aroused considerable interest in recent years, and a study of the occurrences along the shore at Cabo Blanco may prove to be informative.

Bioherms and biostromes of calcareous algae are present in some abundance in the Playa Grande formation, especially in the Maiquetía member. The largest bioherm observed in this member occurs at W-23 on the north flank of the Punta Gorda anticline (see geologic map in Weisbord, 1957) where it is 150 meters long and about 2 meters thick. The bioherm here (Figs. 6, 7) is composed of cemented spherular masses of an undetermined species of orange-colored alga which seems to belong to the family Corallinaceae and which I have referred to under the catch-all generic name of *Lithothamnium*. Some 400 meters southwest of the orange bioherm is a northeasterly striking ridge of a white algal limestone 90 meters or so in length, and there are several similar thin, southdipping algal limestones outcropping in the upper course of Quebrada Las Pailas. A small exposure of algal limestone was observed east of the Playa Grande Yachting Club in the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation, and individual spherules of calcareous algae have been collected at several places in the Mare formation.

### PELECYPODS OF THE ABISINIA FORMATION

The youngest formation of the Cabo Blanco group proper is the Abisinia. The following species of pelecypods were found in it (Fig. 3).



| <i>Species</i>                                                | <i>Geologic range<br/>of known species</i> | <i>Geologic range of<br/>nearest related species</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Arca (Arca) zebra abisini-<br/>ana</i> Weisbord, n. subsp. |                                            | Mid. Miocene—Recent                                  |
| <i>Arca (Arca) imbricata</i><br>Bruguière                     | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Barbatia (Barbatia) candida</i><br>Helbling                | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Barbatia (Acar) domingen-<br/>sis</i> (Lamarck)            | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Pinna</i> aff. <i>carnea</i> Gmelin                        | Pliocene ?—Recent                          |                                                      |
| <i>Cardita (Carditamera)</i><br><i>gracilis</i> Shuttleworth  | Recent                                     |                                                      |
| <i>Codakia (Lentillaria) orbic-<br/>ularis</i> (Linnaeus)     | Mid. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Chama congregata</i> Conrad                                | Mid. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Chama macerophylla</i> Gmelin                              | Mid. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Chama sinuosa bermudensis</i><br>Heilprin                  | Recent                                     |                                                      |
| <i>Pseudochama radians</i><br>(Lamarck)                       | Recent                                     |                                                      |
| <i>Pseudochama</i> ? species                                  |                                            | Recent                                               |
| <i>Tivela (Tivela) mactroides</i><br>(Born)                   | Pleistocene—Recent                         |                                                      |
| <i>Pitar (Hysteroconcha) dione</i><br>(Linnaeus)              | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |
| <i>Chione (Chione ?) mamoen-<br/>sis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.     |                                            | Recent                                               |
| <i>Petricola (Rupellaria)</i><br><i>typica</i> (Jonas)        | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |
| <i>Strigilla pisiformis</i><br>(Linnaeus)                     | Low. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Strigilla carnaria</i><br>(Linnaeus)                       | Pleistocene—Recent                         |                                                      |

Of the 18 species recorded, 15, or 83 per cent are living to-day. At least one of the remaining three species of pelecypods may eventually prove to be the same as a living form, and that would raise the number to 16, or 90 percent which have survived to Recent time. Taking the gastropods into account, 27, or 77 per cent of the 35 species collected from the Abisinia formation have survived to Recent time, and this figure might be as high as 88 per cent. Combining the totals, 79 to 89 percent of the 53 species thus far identified have continued their existence to the present, and these percentages indicate that the Abisinia formation is Pleistocene—possibly early Pleistocene—in age.

## PELECYPODS OF THE MARE FORMATION

The Mare formation disconformably underlies the Abisinia for-

mation. The species of pelecypods collected from the Mare formation are listed below.

| <i>Species</i>                                                             | <i>Geologic range<br/>of known species</i> | <i>Geologic range of<br/>nearest related species</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Nucula</i> ( <i>Nucula</i> ) <i>venezuelana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.        |                                            | Mid. Miocene                                         |
| <i>Nucula</i> ( <i>Ennucula</i> ) <i>mareana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.          |                                            | Miocene ?, Recent                                    |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>karl-martini</i> Weisbord, n. sp.   |                                            | Miocene—Recent                                       |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>axelols-soni</i> Weisbord, n. sp.   |                                            | Mid. Miocene, Recent                                 |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> ) <i>marella</i> Weisbord, n. sp.        |                                            | Mid. Miocene, Recent                                 |
| <i>Adrana</i> cf. <i>tellinoides</i> (Sowerby)                             | Recent                                     |                                                      |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ) <i>ovalis</i> (Bruguière)                | Up. ? Miocene—Recent                       |                                                      |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ?) <i>caboblanquensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp. |                                            | Up. Miocene—Recent                                   |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ?) <i>mareana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.         |                                            | Up. Miocene—Recent                                   |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Cunearca</i> ) <i>cumanensis</i> Dall                  | Mid. ? Miocene—Pliocene                    |                                                      |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Glycymeris</i> ) <i>undata</i> (Linnaeus)           | Miocene—Recent                             |                                                      |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Tucetona</i> ) <i>pectinata</i> (Gmelin)            | Mid. Miocene—Recent                        |                                                      |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Glycymerella</i> ) <i>decussata</i> (Linnaeus)      | Mid. Miocene—Recent<br>Pliocene—Recent     |                                                      |
| <i>Musculus</i> <i>lateralis</i> (Say)                                     |                                            |                                                      |
| <i>Crenella</i> <i>divaricata</i> (d'Orbigny)                              | Up. Miocene—Recent                         |                                                      |
| <i>Lioberus</i> ? <i>marensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                         |                                            | Recent                                               |
| <i>Pinna</i> aff. <i>carnea</i> Gmelin                                     | Pliocene ?—Recent                          |                                                      |
| <i>Plicatula</i> <i>gibbosa</i> Lamarck                                    | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                      |
| <i>Plicatula</i> <i>caribbeana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                        |                                            | Miocene—Recent                                       |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ) <i>caribeus</i> Weisbord, n. sp.           |                                            | Oligocene—Pliocene                                   |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ) <i>maiquetiensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.      |                                            | Mid. Miocene, Recent                                 |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Euvola</i> ) <i>ziczac</i> caboblancoensis Drucker-man  | Pliocene                                   |                                                      |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Amusium</i> ) <i>marensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.          |                                            | Oligocene ?—Recent                                   |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Leptopecten</i> ) <i>desultoria</i> Weisbord, n. sp.   |                                            | Up. Miocene—Pliocene                                 |

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| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Argopecten</i> ) <i>gibbus</i> antecessor Weisbord,<br>n. subsp.                   |                     | Miocene—Recent                              |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> )<br>species "a"                                                 |                     | ?                                           |
| <i>Anomia</i> <i>mareana</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                                                       |                     | Mid. Miocene—Recent                         |
| <i>Pododesmus</i> <i>rudis</i><br>( <i>Broderip</i> )                                                  | Pliocene—Recent     |                                             |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>lixula</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                      |                     | Low. Miocene, Mid.<br>Pliocene              |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> ) <i>ves-</i><br><i>pertina venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp.  |                     | Pliocene                                    |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> ?)<br><i>caboblanquensis</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                    |                     | Miocene—Recent                              |
| <i>Eucrassatella</i> ( <i>Hybolophus</i> )<br><i>antillarum</i> Reeve                                  | Pliocene—Recent     |                                             |
| <i>Crassinella</i> <i>aduncata</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                 |                     | Up. Miocene                                 |
| <i>Crassinella</i> <i>triquetra</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                |                     | Up. Miocene                                 |
| <i>Cardita</i> ( <i>Carditamera</i> )<br><i>gracilis</i> Shuttleworth                                  | Recent              |                                             |
| <i>Venericardia</i> ( <i>Glyptoactis</i> )<br><i>wendellwoodringi</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.              |                     | Miocene, Recent                             |
| <i>Diplodonta</i> ( <i>Diplodonta</i> )<br><i>mareana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                             |                     | Pliocene ?—Recent                           |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Cavilinga</i> ) <i>trisul-</i><br><i>cata blanda</i> (Dall and<br>Simpson)          | Recent              |                                             |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Bellucina</i> ) <i>kather-</i><br><i>inepalmerae</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.            |                     | Pleistocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Parvilucina</i> ) <i>eph-</i><br><i>raimi</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                      |                     | Mid. Miocene—Recent                         |
| <i>Codakia</i> ( <i>Jagonia</i> ) <i>umboni-</i><br><i>costata</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                    |                     | Mid. Miocene                                |
| <i>Bornia</i> <i>tacaguana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                     |                     | Recent                                      |
| <i>Chama</i> <i>congregata</i> Conrad                                                                  | Mid. Miocene—Recent |                                             |
| <i>Echinochama</i> species "a"                                                                         |                     | Pliocene—Pleistocene                        |
| <i>Echinochama</i> species "b"                                                                         |                     | Miocene—Recent                              |
| <i>Trachycardium</i> ( <i>Dallo-</i><br><i>cardia</i> ) <i>muricatum</i><br>(Linnaeus)                 | Pliocene—Recent     |                                             |
| <i>Trachycardium</i> ( <i>Trachy-</i><br><i>cardium</i> ) cf. <i>isocardia</i><br>(Linnaeus)           | Pliocene—Recent     |                                             |
| <i>Trigoniocardia</i> ( <i>Trigonio-</i><br><i>cardia</i> ) <i>caboblanquensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp. |                     | Low.-mid. Miocene,<br>Pliocene, Pleistocene |
| <i>Laevicardium</i> ? species                                                                          |                     | Pliocene—Recent                             |



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| <i>Papyridea</i> aff. <i>soleniformis</i><br>(Bruguière)                                                  | Pliocene—Recent       |                               |
| <i>Dosinia</i> ( <i>Dosinidia</i> ) <i>con-</i><br><i>centrica</i> <i>prosapia</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp. |                       | Up. Miocene—Recent            |
| <i>Tivela</i> ( <i>Planitivela</i> ) <i>vene-</i><br><i>zuelana</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                      |                       | Recent                        |
| <i>Gouldia</i> <i>venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                     |                       | Mid. Miocene                  |
| <i>Gouldia</i> <i>diffidentia</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                     |                       | ?                             |
| <i>Transennella</i> <i>caboblanquen-</i><br><i>sis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                   |                       | Recent                        |
| <i>Macrocallista</i> <i>maculata</i><br>(Linnaeus)                                                        | Low. Miocene—Recent   |                               |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitar</i> ) <i>maiquetiensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                    |                       | Recent                        |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitar</i> ?) <i>antillensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                     |                       | Recent                        |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Nanopitar</i> ?)<br><i>marensis</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                    |                       | Recent                        |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Pitarella</i> ?) <i>scutel-</i><br><i>laris</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                        |                       | Pleistocene—Recent            |
| <i>Pitar</i> ( <i>Hysteroconcha</i> ) <i>dione</i><br>(Linnaeus)                                          | Pliocene—Recent       |                               |
| <i>Periglypta</i> aff. <i>listeri</i><br>(Gray)                                                           | Pleistocene—Recent    |                               |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ) <i>cancellata</i><br>(Linnaeus)                                           | Miocene—Recent        |                               |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ?) <i>laciniosa</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                     |                       | Mid. Miocene                  |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Lirophora</i> ) <i>rioma-</i><br><i>turensis</i> Maury                                 | Pliocene              |                               |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Lirophora</i> ) <i>cultel-</i><br><i>lata</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                         |                       | Up. Oligocene—Low.<br>Miocene |
| <i>Pleiorytis</i> <i>venezuelensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                |                       | Mid.-up. Miocene, Recent      |
| <i>Tellina</i> ( <i>Eurytellina</i> )<br><i>punicea</i> Born                                              | Pliocene ?, Recent    |                               |
| <i>Tellina</i> ( <i>Eurytellina</i> ) <i>nitens</i><br>C. B. Adams                                        | Recent                |                               |
| <i>Tellina</i> ( <i>Merisca</i> ) <i>cristallina</i><br>Spengler                                          | Mid. Miocene ?—Recent |                               |
| <i>Macoma</i> ( <i>Psammacoma</i> )<br><i>hybrida</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                                    |                       | Pliocene—Recent               |
| <i>Semele</i> <i>proficua</i><br>(Pulteney)                                                               | Pliocene—Recent       |                               |
| <i>Donax</i> <i>vagus</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                                                             |                       | Pliocene, Recent              |
| <i>Donax</i> <i>marensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                          | Up. Miocene—Recent    |                               |
| <i>Solen</i> <i>species</i>                                                                               |                       | Pliocene—Recent               |
| <i>Solecurtus</i> <i>cumingianus</i><br>(Dunker)                                                          | Pliocene—Recent       |                               |
| <i>Ervilia</i> <i>nitens</i> <i>venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp.                                    |                       | Recent                        |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Ervilia antilleana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                      | Recent          |
| <i>Ervilia mareana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                         | Pliocene—Recent |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Caryocorbula</i> ) cf.<br><i>lavalleana</i> d'Orbigny          | Pliocene—Recent |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Notocorbula</i> )<br><i>puntagordensis</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp. | Pliocene—Recent |
| <i>Periploma margaritacea</i><br>(Lamarck)                                         | Recent          |

The total number of pelecypods listed above is 82, and of this number 32, or 39 per cent are living to-day. Among the new species and subspecies described by this writer, at least four might be considered by some paleontologists to be identical with known Recent species, as in borderline cases of identity there is a judgment factor involved. If these are added to the list, the number of Recent species of pelecypods would come to 36, or 44 per cent. Adding two more species that might eventually be found as having survived to the present, the number of Recent pelecypods in the Mare formation would be 38, or 46 per cent. A comparable analysis of the 144 species of gastropods from the Mare formation (Weisbord, 1962) indicates that only 25, or 17 percent are living to-day; however 15 others are borderline and might be the same as Recent forms, and an additional 10 species may yet be found in the Recent fauna. This would bring the number of Recent gastropods in the Mare formation to 50, or 34 per cent. Combining the gastropods and pelecypods (226 species) collected from the Mare formation, the minimum number of species living to-day is 57, or 25 per cent, but because of the subjective bias inherent in identification, and the probability that a certain number of Mare species will be found in the Recent fauna, the number of surviving gastropods and pelecypods could be 88, or 34 per cent. Considering the geologic range of known species to which the new species are most closely related, it is seen that the overwhelming majority of the related species range from middle Miocene to Recent and that 46 per cent (105 out of 226 gastropods and pelecypods) of those are known from the Recent fauna. Based in part, then, on Lyell's percentage principle as well as on stratigraphy, and considering the similarity of the distinct species to geologically young forms, the mollusks in the Mare formation suggest

that the Mare formation is Pliocene—possibly lower Pliocene—in age.

## PELECYPODS OF THE PLAYA GRANDE FORMATION

### MAIQUETIA MEMBER

Unconformably below the Mare formation is the Playa Grande formation. The Playa Grande formation is made up of two members, the Maiquetía (Fig. 8) above, and the Catia (Fig. 4) below. The pelecypods from the Maiquetía member of the Playa Grande formation are the following:

| <i>Species</i>                                                                                 | <i>Geologic range<br/>of known species</i> | <i>Geologic range of<br/>nearest related<br/>species</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Nucula</i> ( <i>Nucula</i> )<br><i>venezuelana</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                      |                                            | Middle Miocene                                           |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> )<br><i>karlmartini</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                  |                                            | Miocene ?—Recent                                         |
| <i>Nuculana</i> ( <i>Saccella</i> )<br><i>axelolssoni</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                  |                                            | Middle Miocene—Recent                                    |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Larkinia</i> )<br><i>notabilis</i> (Röding)                                | Middle Miocene—Recent                      |                                                          |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Lunarca</i> ?)<br><i>caboblanquensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.               |                                            | Upper Miocene—Recent                                     |
| <i>Anadara</i> ( <i>Cunearca</i> )<br><i>cumanensis</i> (Dall)                                 | M. Miocene ?—Pliocene                      |                                                          |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Glycymeris</i> )<br><i>undata</i> (Linnaeus)                            | Miocene—Recent                             |                                                          |
| <i>Glycymeris</i> ( <i>Glycymerella</i> )<br><i>decussata</i> (Linnaeus)                       | Middle Miocene—Recent                      |                                                          |
| <i>Crenella</i> <i>divaricata</i><br>(d'Orbigny)                                               | Upper Miocene—Recent                       |                                                          |
| <i>Plicatula</i> <i>gibbosa</i><br>Lamarck                                                     | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                          |
| <i>Plicatula</i> <i>venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                        |                                            | Recent                                                   |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Pecten</i> ?)<br><i>remulus</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                            |                                            | Upper Miocene—Pliocene                                   |
| <i>Pecten</i> ( <i>Euvola</i> ) <i>ziczac</i><br><i>caboblancoensis</i><br>Druckerman          | Pliocene                                   |                                                          |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Argopecten</i> )<br><i>gibbus</i> <i>antecessor</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp. |                                            | Miocene—Recent                                           |
| <i>Spondylus</i> <i>americanus</i><br>Hermann                                                  | Pliocene—Recent                            |                                                          |



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| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>pannucea</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                    | Pleistocene—Recent                             |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> )<br><i>vespertina venezuel-</i><br><i>ana</i> Weisbord, n. subsp.  | Pliocene                                       |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> ?)<br><i>caboblanquensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                    | Miocene—Recent                                 |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Agerostrea</i> ?)<br><i>antecursor</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                          | Middle Miocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Venericardia</i> ( <i>Glyptoactis</i> )<br><i>wendellwoodringi</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.              | Miocene—Recent                                 |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Callucina</i> ?)<br>species                                                         | Recent                                         |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Parvilucina</i> )<br><i>ephraimi</i> Weisbord, n. sp.                               | Middle Miocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Lucina</i> ( <i>Parvilucina</i> )<br><i>multilineata</i> Tuomey<br>and Holmes                       | Upper Miocene—Recent                           |
| <i>Codakia</i> ( <i>Lentillaria</i> )<br><i>orbicularis</i> (Linnaeus)                                 | Middle Miocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Chama</i> <i>congregata</i><br>Conrad                                                               | Middle Miocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Chama</i> <i>macerophylla</i><br>Gmelin                                                             | Middle Miocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Trachycardium</i> ( <i>Dallo-</i><br><i>cardia</i> ) <i>muricatum</i><br>(Linnaeus)                 | Pliocene—Recent                                |
| <i>Tracycardium</i> ( <i>Trachy-</i><br><i>cardium</i> ) cf. <i>isocardia</i><br>(Linnaeus)            | Pliocene—Recent                                |
| <i>Trigoniocardia</i> ( <i>Trigonio-</i><br><i>cardia</i> ) <i>caboblanquensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp. | Lower—middle Miocene,<br>Pliocene, Pleistocene |
| <i>Trigoniocardia</i> ( <i>Ameri-</i><br><i>cardia</i> ) <i>media</i> (Linnaeus)                       | Middle Miocene—Recent                          |
| <i>Dosinia</i> ( <i>Dosinidia</i> )<br><i>concentrica prosapia</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp.              | Upper Miocene—Recent                           |
| <i>Gouldia</i> <i>venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                                  | Middle Miocene                                 |
| <i>Transennella</i> <i>cabo-</i><br><i>blanquensis</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                             | Recent                                         |
| <i>Transennella</i> <i>venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                             | Upper Miocene—Pliocene                         |
| <i>Macrocallista</i> <i>maculata</i><br>(Linnaeus)                                                     | Lower Miocene—Recent                           |
| <i>Antigona</i> ( <i>Ventricolaria</i> )<br>aff. <i>rigida</i> Dillwyn                                 | Pliocene—Recent                                |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> )<br><i>cancellata</i> (Linnaeus)                                        | Miocene—Recent                                 |

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| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ) <i>pailasana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.             | Middle Miocene                   |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Chione</i> ?)<br><i>mamoensis</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.         | Recent                           |
| <i>Chione</i> ( <i>Timoclea</i> )<br><i>tacaguana</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.        | Miocene—Recent                   |
| <i>Petricola</i> ( <i>Naranio</i> )<br><i>lapicida</i> (Gmelin)                  | Pliocene—Recent                  |
| <i>Tellina</i> ( <i>Tellina</i> ?)<br>sp. indet.                                 | Recent                           |
| <i>Tellina</i> ( <i>Eurytellina</i> )<br><i>nitens</i> C. B. Adams               | Recent                           |
| <i>Tellina</i> ( <i>Eurytellina</i> )<br><i>alternata</i> ? Say                  | Upper Miocene—Recent             |
| <i>Strigilla carnaria</i><br>(Linnaeus)                                          | Pleistocene—Recent               |
| <i>Semelina nuculoides</i><br>(Conrad)                                           | Upper Miocene—Recent             |
| <i>Solecurtus cumingianus</i><br>(Dunker)                                        | Pliocene—Recent                  |
| <i>Labiosa</i> ( <i>Raeta</i> ) aff.<br><i>plicatella</i> (Lamarck)              | Upper Miocene—Recent             |
| <i>Ervilia nitens venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp.                         | Recent                           |
| <i>Ervilia antilleana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                    | Recent                           |
| <i>Ervilia caribbeana</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                                    | Middle Miocene, Recent           |
| <i>Corbula</i> ( <i>Notocorbula</i> )<br><i>bruscasensis</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp. | Upper Oligocene—lower<br>Miocene |
| <i>Cyathodonta</i> cf. <i>tristani</i><br>Olsson                                 | Middle—upper Miocene             |

Of the 53 species of pelecypods from the Maiquetía member listed above, 23, or 43 per cent are living to-day. Another six forms are separated from known Recent species by such slight differences that some paleontologists might consider them the same and thereby increase the ratio to 55 per cent. Speculating further, it may not be unreasonable to assume that two of the remaining species will be found eventually in the Recent fauna, and this would bring the total number of Recent pelecypods in the Maiquetía member to 31, or 58 per cent. A similar analysis of the 82 species of gastropods collected from the Maiquetía member indicates that 10 to 28 per cent of those mollusks occur in the Recent faunal assemblage. Combining the data to include both gastropods and pelecypods, the number of species living to-day is 31, or 24 per cent, but could be as high as 54,

or 40 per cent. The great majority of analogous but distinct species of gastropods and pelecypods of the Maiquetía member range from Miocene to Recent, and of these analogues 66 per cent occur in the Recent. Equating the percentage bracket with geologic time, and taking into consideration its stratigraphic position, the Maiquetía member of the Playa Grande formation is believed to be Pliocene—probably lower Pliocene—in age. The unconformity between the Maiquetía member and the overlying Mare formation suggests a longer time interval than is actually evidenced by the faunal assemblages in each, and it must be concluded that the time span between the erosion of the Maiquetía member and the initial deposition of the Mare formation was geologically short.

#### CATIA MEMBER

Because of faults and Quaternary cover, the stratigraphic relationship of the Catia and Maiquetía members is not clearly established. Indirect evidence, however, suggests that the Catia member makes up the lower and preponderant part of the Playa Grande formation, the Maiquetía member the upper. The fossils collected from the Catia member are the following:

| <i>Species</i>                                    | <i>Geologic range of known species</i> | <i>Geologic range of nearest related species</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Nuculana (Saccella) species                       |                                        | ?                                                |
| Nuculana (Jupiteria) ? species                    |                                        | Middle Miocene                                   |
| Anadara (Larkinia) species                        |                                        | Miocene—Recent                                   |
| Atrina (Servatrina) ? aff. seminuda (Lamarck)     | Miocene ?, Recent                      |                                                  |
| Atrina (Servatrina) serrata ? (Sowerby)           | Lower Pliocene—Recent                  |                                                  |
| Pecten (Pecten) catianus Weisbord, n. sp.         |                                        | Oligocene—middle Miocene                         |
| Pecten (Pecten) species                           |                                        | Oligocene—Pliocene, Recent                       |
| Pecten (Euvola) ziczac caboblancoensis Druckerman | Pliocene                               |                                                  |
| Pecten (Amusium) papyraceus (Gabb)                | Oligocene ?—Recent                     |                                                  |
| Chlamys (Chlamys) benedicti Verrill and Bush      | Recent                                 |                                                  |



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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Aequipecten muscosus</i><br>(Wood)                                                        | Pliocene—Recent       |                                   |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Argopecten</i> )<br><i>gibbus antecessor</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.         |                       | Miocene—Recent                    |
| <i>Chlamys</i> ( <i>Argopecten</i> )<br><i>imitata</i> Weisbord n. sp.                       |                       | Middle Miocene—Recent             |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> )<br><i>nodosus</i> ? (Linnaeus)                       | Low. Miocene ?—Recent |                                   |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> )<br><i>arnoldi</i> Aguerrevere                        | Pliocene              |                                   |
| <i>Lyropecten</i> ( <i>Nodipecten</i> )<br>species "b"                                       |                       | Miocene—Pliocene                  |
| <i>Spondylus americanus</i><br>Hermann                                                       | Pliocene—Recent       |                                   |
| <i>Anomia catiana</i> Weisbord,<br>n. sp.                                                    |                       | Middle Eocene, Miocene<br>—Recent |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Ostrea</i> ) <i>lixula</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.                            |                       | Lower Miocene, middle<br>Pliocene |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> )<br><i>vespertina venezuelana</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp. |                       | Pliocene                          |
| <i>Ostrea</i> ( <i>Alectryonia</i> ?)<br><i>caboblanquensis</i><br>Weisbord, n. sp.          |                       | Miocene—Recent                    |
| <i>Divaricella</i> ? species                                                                 |                       | Miocene—Recent                    |
| <i>Dosinia</i> ( <i>Dosinidia</i> )<br><i>concentrica prosapia</i><br>Weisbord, n. subsp.    |                       | Upper Miocene—Recent              |
| <i>Macrocallista maculata</i><br>(Linnaeus)                                                  | Lower Miocene—Recent  |                                   |
| <i>Cyathodonta</i> cf.<br><i>tristani</i> Olsson                                             | Middle—upper Miocene  |                                   |
| <i>Pholadomya</i> cf. <i>candida</i><br>Sowerby                                              | Pleistocene—Recent    |                                   |

Of the 26 species of pelecypods from the Catia member, 8, or 31 per cent are also Recent. Two other species are so close to living forms that they might be considered the same by some paleontologists, and that would bring the total of Catia species surviving to the present to 10, or 40 per cent. Of the six gastropod species described from the Catia member, none was identified by the writer to occur in the Recent although two, or 33 per cent are in the borderline category. If the gastropods and pelecypods are considered jointly, the species in the Catia member that are living to-day range, depending on the judgment factor, from 25 to 37 per cent. In my work on the gastropods (Weisbord, 1962) I stated that the gastropods from the Catia member were too few in number to arrive at an age determination, though on the basis of relationship and strati-

graphic position they might be indicative of the later Miocene. Now, however, with the data of both the gastropods and pelecypods at hand, I am inclined to consider the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation as lower Pliocene in age.

## GEOLOGIC AGE OF FORMATIONS

The succession of formations as determined in the field by the writer is given below. The geologic age assigned to these formations is based on the fossils thus far determined and on stratigraphy. In the chronological analysis of known species, the Lyellian percentage method of subdividing the Cenozoic era into epochs has been applied; in the analysis of new species, considerable weight has been given to the geologic range of the nearest analogues.

| <i>La Salina de<br/>Guaiguaza</i> | <i>Cabo Blanco Group</i>      | <i>Percentage of<br/>surviving<br/>species</i> | <i>Presumed<br/>geologic age</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                   | Coastal beachrock             | Not determined                                 | Subrecent-Recent                 |
|                                   | Disconformity ?               |                                                |                                  |
|                                   | Abisinia formation            | 79-89                                          | Pleistocene                      |
|                                   | Disconformity                 |                                                |                                  |
| Guaiguaza                         |                               |                                                |                                  |
| Clay                              | -----                         | 50+                                            | Upper Pliocene                   |
|                                   | Mare formation                | 25-34                                          | Lower Pliocene                   |
|                                   | Unconformity                  |                                                |                                  |
|                                   | Playa Grande {Maiquetí member | 24-40                                          | Lower Pliocene                   |
|                                   | {Catia member                 | 25-37                                          | Lower Pliocene                   |
|                                   | Unconformity                  |                                                |                                  |
|                                   | Las Pailas formation          | Unfossiliferous                                | Middle Tertiary                  |
|                                   | Probable unconformity         |                                                |                                  |

In the table, the percentages of the species still living apply only to the combined totals of the gastropods and pelecypods described thus far by the writer. The Abisinia formation is assigned a Pleistocene age by virtue of the high percentage of living forms as well as by its superior stratigraphic position. Stratigraphic control of the Guaiguaza clay is wanting, but with at least 50 per cent of the mollusks having survived to Recent time, a late Pliocene age is indicated. In the analysis of the pre-Pleistocene formations of the Cabo Blanco group, it is seen that the percentages of species which have survived to Recent time is roughly the same for both the Mare and Playa Grande formations even though the Mare formation lies

above, and is separated from the Playa Grande formation by an angular unconformity. Relating these percentages to Lyell's original division of the Tertiary, the age of these formations is postulated as lower Pliocene.

As the age determinations in this work have been based in good part on the Lyellian concept of Cenozoic classification, it might not be amiss to re-state, in Lyell's own words, the philosophic principle<sup>4</sup> behind his Tertiary timetable. Sir Charles Lyell was not only a perceptive observer of the geologic scene but a logician as well. His personal charm enabled him to enlist the ideas of others, and, investing these ideas with his own leaven, he could present them in lucidly written prose that is a pleasure to read. From his own observations in Italy, France, and England, and with the contributions of such colleagues as Signor O. G. Costa, Prof. Viviani, Dr. Sasso, M. Deshayes, and particularly the then dean of paleontology M. Deshayes, Lyell, in his preface to the "Principles" (p. xiii), succinctly introduced his concept of geochronology in the following sentence:

On my return to Paris, in February, 1829, I communicated to M. Deshayes some of the new views to which my examination of Sicily had led me, and my intention to attempt a classification of the different Tertiary formations in chronological order, by reference to the comparative proportion of living species of shells found fossil in each.

After developing and discussing the implications of his thesis, Lyell (p. 59) summarized his now well-known concept as follows:

In reference to the organic remains of the different groups which we have named, we may say that about a thirtieth part [3.3 per cent] of the Eocene shells are of recent species, about one-fifth [20 per cent] of the Miocene, more than a third [33 per cent], and often more than half [50 per cent], of the older Pliocene, and nine-tenths [90 per cent] of the newer Pliocene [Pleistocene].

In 1855, Beyrich<sup>5</sup> proposed the term Oligocene for deposits containing 10 to 15 per cent of Recent species of Mollusca.

No one, I think, knew better than Lyell that his classification was limned in broad strokes, but if anything, not only are Lyell's general conclusions standing the test of time, but even his specific ranges in certain provinces are proving surprisingly close to the

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<sup>4</sup>Charles Lyell, *Principles of Geology*, volume 3. London, John Murray, xxxi + 398 pp., + Appendix I, pp. 1-52; Appendix II, pp. 53-83; Index, pp. 85-109 + 93 figs., 4 pls., 1 geol. map, 1833.

<sup>5</sup>*Stellung der hessischen Tertiärbildungen*. Berl. Akad. Wissensch., Monatsber. for 1854, p. 664.



mark. Limitations of the Lyellian method have been discussed by Vaughan<sup>6</sup> among others, but such limitations, it seems to me, may lie in interpretation rather than in the principle itself. For example, the percentage of surviving species of Mollusca in the Mare and Playa Grande formations (lower Pliocene) is much the same as it is (32.5 per cent) for the roughly equivalent Caloosahatchee shell deposit at North St. Petersburg, Florida, whereas, according to Durham,<sup>7</sup> the gastropods and pelecypods in the lower Pliocene San Carlos formation of Baja California which have survived to the Recent is 46 per cent based on 37 species examined. As their standard, Lyell and Deshayes compared the fossils of the Italian Pliocene with the Recent mollusks of the Mediterranean; the Caloosahatchee Pliocene deposits of Florida have been compared with the Recent Western Atlantic mollusks by Heilprin, Dall, Olsson and Harbison, and others; the Cabo Blanco Pliocene fossils have been compared in my studies with the living mollusks in Western Atlantic, Caribbean, and Eastern Pacific waters; the Pliocene fossils of Baja California have been compared by Durham and predecessors with living ones in the Eastern Pacific; and the Pliocene of New Zealand has been established in part by the ratio of fossil species to the living species now inhabiting the surrounding sea. Because of such factors as geography, climate, ecology, the rate of organic change of species, the depositional and structural history, the abundance of species for statistical control, and the taxonomic discernment of the paleontologist, each geologic epoch within the Cenozoic era, and each biologic province within each epoch will have its own percentage standard. Nevertheless, Lyell's calendar is an important tool—perhaps the single most important tool—in dating the Cenozoic, and in this work I have been strongly influenced by it.

### NOTES ON CORRELATION

At least 60 per cent (and probably a much larger proportion) of the mollusks collected from the Playa Grande and Mare forma-

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<sup>6</sup>*Criteria and status of correlation and classification of Tertiary deposits.* Geol. Soc. Amer., Bull., vol. 35, pp. 677-742, 1924.

<sup>7</sup>*E. W. Scripps cruise to the Gulf of California. Pt. 2. Megascopic paleontology and marine stratigraphy.* Geol. Soc. Amer., Mem. 43, p. 6, 1950.



Fig. 1. Looking west to Cabo Blanco from Punta Gorda. The gray sediments dipping to the south are in the Las Pailas formation, and are unfossiliferous. The Cabo Blanco lighthouse is on the highest hill in the background.

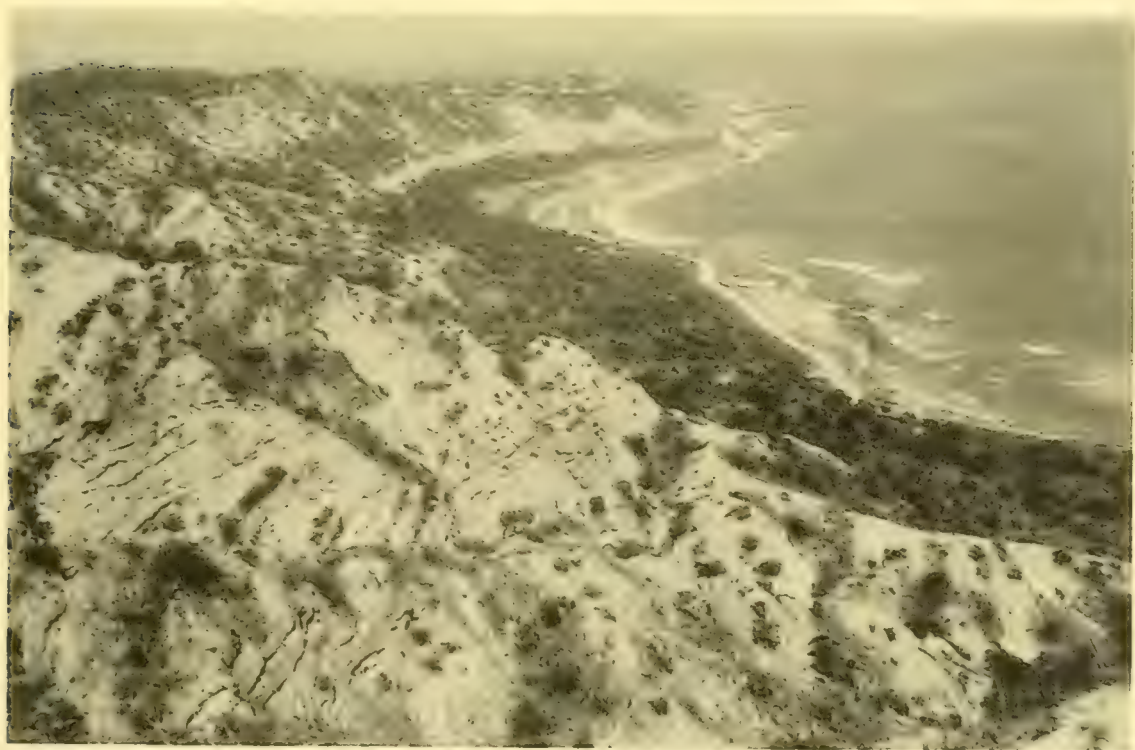


Fig. 2. Looking west from Cabo Blanco lighthouse. The Recent shells were collected just beyond the breakwater, upper right. The village of Playa Grande is situated on the terrace (Abisina formation) to the left of the breakwater. Subrecent to Recent beachrock is exposed here and there along the shore.





Fig. 3. Fossiliferous gravels in the Abisinia formation (Pleistocene) at eastern edge of Playa Grande village. The gravels here are overlain by red sand and are underlain by sandy limestone of the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation, forming the floor of the bulldozed area in the foreground.



Fig. 4. Massive and bedded sandy limestone of the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation at west plunge of Litoral anticline, Playa Grande village.





Fig. 5. Wedge of highly fossiliferous Mare sandstone at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. The wedge is seen at left center just above talus slope, and is overlain by non-fossiliferous cobble to boulder gravels of the Abisinia formation.



Fig. 6. "*Lithothamnium*" bioherm at W-25, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline, immediately overlain by poorly sorted conglomerates, both within the Maiquetia member of the Playa Grande formation.





Fig. 7. Close-up of "*Lithothamnium*" bioherm shown in fig. 6. The mollusks collected in the immediate area were found on and near the bioherm.



Fig. 8. South flank of Punta Gorda anticline showing steeply dipping beds in the Maiquetía member of the Playa Grande formation, on which are draped cobble to boulder gravels of the Abisinia formation.

tions of the Cabo Blanco group are identical with the fossils contained in Collection No. 18408 of the U. S. National Museum, from near Cumaná, Venezuela. The Cumaná fossils were collected by P. Henry and J. A. Tong in September 1931, from a point 2.5 kilometers N 80°E from the Cumaná Castle and S 30°W from the village of Caiguire Abajo, in yellowish brown marl about 30 feet thick, dipping steeply northward. Although the Cumaná locality is 310 kilometers (186 miles) east of the type locality of Playa Grande-Mare formations, there are so many of the same species in common that the deposits in question are believed to be directly contemporaneous. The strata in which the U.S. National Museum's fossils in Collection No. 18408 occur are included in the formation known as the Cumaná beds. There is an excellent discussion of this formation by Frances de Rivero in the *Stratigraphical Lexicon of Venezuela* (English edition), and in the Lexicon the Cumaná beds is assigned an age of upper Miocene or lower Pliocene. An advocate for the Pliocene is Wendell P. Woodring,<sup>8</sup> and his analysis is sustained first by the percentage of living species, secondly by the relatively large number of analogous but distinct species which have survived to Recent time, and thirdly by the relative scarcity of species that are common to the upper Miocene Springvale formation of Trinidad or to the middle Miocene of the Caribbean area.

Granting the equivalence of the Playa Grande-Mare formations and Cumaná beds, and their Pliocene age, there remains the question of correlating these formations with others within and around the Caribbean province. Among the more highly fossiliferous deposits that have been considered Pliocene in age are 1) the Caloosahatchee formation of Florida, 2) the Moín formation of Costa Rica, 3) the Matura formation of Trinidad, and 4) the Punta Gavilan formation of Venezuela.

1. *Caloosahatchee formation*. This is believed to be equivalent, at least in part, with the remarkable shell deposit at North St. Petersburg, Florida. The fossils from North St. Petersburg have been described by Olsson, Harbison, and Pilsbry<sup>9</sup> and reported by

<sup>8</sup>*Caribbean land and sea through the ages*. Geol. Soc. Amer., Bull., vol. 65, No. 8, p. 729.

<sup>9</sup>*Pliocene Mollusca of southern Florida with special reference to those from North Saint Petersburg*. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 8, 457 pp., 65 pls., 1953.



them to be Pliocene in age. Of the 512 species of marine gastropods (excluding the Pyramidellidae) and pelecypods described, 165, or 32 per cent are also Recent, and 128, or 25 per cent are new. A total of 316 species has been described from the Playa Grande-Mare formations, and of this number 208, or 66 per cent are new. The proportion of Recent species in the North St. Petersburg deposit is about the same as that in the Playa Grande-Mare formations, and there are 27 species that are common to both the Floridan and Venezuelan deposits. As the assemblages of genera in both areas are similar, and as well over half of the analogous but distinct species also occur in the Recent in their respective environments, the contemporaneity of the two during early Pliocene time is suggested.

2. *Moín formation*. In 1881, William M. Gabb<sup>10</sup> named 85 species of gastropods and 45 species of pelecypods from the then-designated Limon beds near Moín in Costa Rica. Of the total (130) in the two classes, 82, or 63 per cent were believed by Gabb to be the same as Recent species, 38 species were described as new, and 10 forms were thought to be identical with Miocene species of the Caribbean area. Some of Gabb's identifications have been revised over the years, though most paleontologists still accept Gabb's determination of the Limon beds (now known as the Moín formation) as Pliocene. Only 20, or 6 per cent of the 316 species occurring in the Playa Grande-Mare formations are common to the Moín formation, whereas 10, or 27 per cent of the 28 species identified in the Salina de Guaiguaza clays of Venezuela are common to the Moín formation of Costa Rica. As the proportion of Recent species (at least 50 per cent) in the Guaiguaza clay is also more nearly like that of the Moín Formation, it is inferred that these two deposits are more or less equivalent, and that their age is upper Pliocene.

3. *Matura formation*. According to Kugler,<sup>11</sup> the type locality

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<sup>10</sup>*Descriptions of new species of fossils from the Pliocene clay beds between Limon and Moen Costa Rica, with notes on previously known species from there and elsewhere in the Caribbean area*. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 8, pp. 349-380, pls. 45-47. Also see Hoffstetter, 1960, [in] *Lexique Stratigraphic International*, vol. 5, *Amérique Latine*, No. 2a, *Amérique Centrale*, pp. 265-266.

<sup>11</sup>*Lexique Stratigraphique International*, vol. 5, *Amérique Latine*, No. 2, *Antilles*, p. 75, 1958?

of the Matura formation is on the east coast of Trinidad north of the Oropuche River. Typically, the Matura formation is a dark, fine-grained, calcareous sandstone some 10 feet or so in thickness, containing well-preserved Mollusca. Approximately 78 species of gastropods and pelecypods from the Matura formation were identified by Guppy, and of this number 58, or 71 percent were determined as being identical with Recent species. A later study by Maury<sup>12</sup> of 52 species of gastropods and pelecypods revealed that only 17, or 33 per cent of the Matura mollusks were the same as Recent species. It is probable that further taxonomic studies of the Matura mollusks will reveal that Maury's percentage of living species should be increased, and, indeed, a number of students do attribute a late Pliocene age to the Matura formation. This would link it chronologically with the Moín formation of Costa Rica and the Guaiguaza clays of Venezuela. In the Playa Grande-Mare formations of the Cabo Blanco group, the proportion of living species is in the 24 to 40 per cent bracket, and only 11 (out of 316) species are common to the Matura formation.

4. *Punta Gavilan formation.* The most important work dealing with the molluscan fauna of this formation is a monograph by Rutsch<sup>13</sup> on the Gastropoda. In Rutsch's monograph a total of 58 species of gastropods are described, and of this total 19, or 33 per cent are endemic (but related to living forms), and 10, or 17 per cent are identical with, or hardly distinguishable from Recent species. Among the remainder (see Suter<sup>14</sup>), one or two forms are known from the Pliocene only; several definite forms occur that are not known from formations older than upper Miocene; a large number of species are found elsewhere in the lower and middle Miocene, although most of these extend to the upper Miocene; and two forms are reported from the Paleocene.

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<sup>12</sup>A further contribution to the paleontology of Trinidad. Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 25, No. 42, 250 pp., 43 pls., 1925.

<sup>13</sup>Die Gastropoden aus dem Neogen der Punta Gavilan in Nord Venezuela. Schweiz. Palaeont. Gesell., Abhandl., vols. 54-55, 169 pp., 9 pls., 1934.

<sup>14</sup>Geologic notes on the "Punta Gavilan" formation and on the eastern part of the State of Falcon. Bol. Geol. y Min., vol. 1, Nos. 2-4 (English edition), pp. 269-279, 1937 [1938].



The type section of the Punta Gavilan formation is exposed in a bluff along the coast at Punta Gavilan, State of Falcon, Venezuela. Here, the lower two meters consist of knobby limestone with limonitic concretions and aggregations of well-preserved echinoids (described by Jeannet<sup>15</sup> in 1928), and an overlying three meters of yellowish sandy limestone containing an abundant molluscan fauna, the gastropods of which were described by Rutsch. The Punta Gavilan formation is bounded above by Quaternary and below by the middle Miocene, and, according to Renz<sup>16</sup> and others, its age is bracketed in the interval between late Miocene and early Pliocene time. Lithologically the Punta Gavilan beds at the type locality are similar to certain beds in the Playa Grande formation at Cabo Blanco, and a number of species of gastropods are common to both formations. For reasons mentioned earlier in the present report, this writer believes that the Playa Grande formation is lower Pliocene in age, though initial deposition may have started toward the end of the Miocene. The proportion (17 per cent) of Recent gastropods in the Punta Gavilan formation is in itself too low to be indicative of Pliocene, but if there is a parallelism between the Punta Gavilan and Cabo Blanco areas, as I venture to presume, the percentage of Recent mollusks in the Punta Gavilan formation will be increased by the pelecypods when they are determined. In the Playa Grande formation of the Cabo Blanco group the number of pelecypod species is less than the gastropods, but percentage-wise many more of the pelecypods have survived to Recent time than have the gastropods.

## SYSTEMATIC DESCRIPTIONS

### PELECYPODA

#### NUCULIDAE

***Nucula (Nucula) venezuelana***, new species

Pl. 1, figs. 1-6

Shell minute, thin, moderately plump, obliquely subhexagonal, inequilateral. Beaks low, bluntly pointed, situated posterior to

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<sup>15</sup>*Contribution a l'étude des Echinides tertiaires de la Trinité et du Vénézuéla.* Soc. Paléont. Suisse, Mém., vol. 48, pp. 1-48, 6 pls., 12 text figs.

<sup>16</sup>*Punta Gavilan formation.* [In] *Stratigraphical Lexicon of Venezuela.* Bol. Geol., Special Publ. No. 1, pp. 466-467, 1955.



center. Umbos large, somewhat inflated, the prodissoconch white and smooth. Posterior end subtruncate, ventral margin rounded (the curvature a little more pronounced near the middle), anterodorsal margin slightly convex, anterior end sharply rounded where it joins the ventral margin. There is neither a true lunule nor escutcheon, but the lunular area is large, more or less elliptical, a little depressed, and sculptured by raised wavy crenulate cords running at a right angle with the anterior margin of the disk. The area of the escutcheon is vaguely cordate and fairly smooth. Chondrophore small and rather shallow, its base relatively wide and gently rounded. Hinge continuous over the chondrophore, the posterior teeth numbering 4 to 5, the anterior 9 to 13, the average 4 and 10, respectively. The anterior teeth directly above the chondrophore are the smallest, the ones on either side of the beak becoming progressively larger and longer distally up to, but not including the farthest, the teeth wedge-shaped and sharp at the tip. Interior normally with a veneer of smooth nacre, but this film is often worn off revealing the numerous fine radial striae of the inner layer of shell through which the concentric ribs of the exterior may sometimes be seen. Ventral margin finely and evenly denticulate, the denticles numbering 52 on the holotype. The exterior of the valve is sculptured by low regular concentric ribs which are rendered crenulate by numerous fine equal radiating threads. The concentric ribs are smaller and closer on the umbos than from the middle down; anteriorly they extend to the lunular area which they cross as somewhat irregular cords; posteriorly they extend to the margin of the escutcheonal area but are obsolescent on the area itself. On specimens with a length of 2 mm. there are about 20-22 ribs from the base of the prodissoconch to the ventral margin.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (G479a), left valve, length 2.7 mm.; height 2.1 mm.; thickness 0.75 mm. Paratype (G479b), left valve, length 2.1 mm.; height 2 mm.; thickness 0.6 mm. Paratype (G479c), right valve, length 1.8 mm.; height 1.6 mm., thickness 0.6 mm.

*Type locality.*—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Nine specimens including six left valves and three right valves.

*Other localities.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three specimens including two right valves and one left valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) near W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. One right ? valve, broken.

*Comparisons.*—The distinguishing character of *Nucula venezuelana*, n. sp. is its large white prodissoconch, and this serves to differentiate the Venezuelan fossil from the following related species:

*N. crenulata* A. Adams (1856, Zool. Soc. London, Proc., p. 52). Recent, Cape Hatteras to Barbados, 30-640 fathoms. This is also smaller and less tumid than *N. venezuelana*, n. sp.

*N. culebrensis* Smith (1885, Voyage H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, vol. 13, p. 228, pl. 18, figs. 11, 11a). Recent, off Culebra Island, West Indies in 390 fathoms. The posterior end is rounded rather than subtruncate as on *N. venezuelana*, n. sp.

*N. declivis* Hinds (see Hertlein and Strong, 1940, Zoologica, vol. 25, pt. 4, No. 25, p. 380, pl. 1, figs. 1-3, 6-7). Recent, Mexico to Panama (Eastern Pacific), 4-30 fathoms. Subtrigonal in outline, and with less regular concentric ribs than *N. venezuelana*.

*N. exigua* Sowerby (see Hertlein and Strong, 1940, Zoologica, vol. 25, pt. 4, No. 25, p. 381, pl. 1, figs. 4-5). Recent, Baja California to Ecuador, 6-110 fathoms. Smoother than *N. venezuelana*, and the posterior truncation of *N. exigua* longer.

*N. suprastrata* (Arnold, 1903, p. 96, pl. 18, fig. 6). Pleistocene, California. Similar to *N. exigua* Sowerby, but the radial striae are not so prominent.

*N. vieta* Guppy (see Guppy, 1878, Sci. Assoc. Trinidad, Proc., p. 171, pl. 7, fig. 11). Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad. This is a subtrigonal shell, higher than long.

*N. baccata* Guppy (see Maury, 1925b, pp. 172-173, pl. 12, fig. 5). Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad. The concentric ribs are finer than those of *N. venezuelana*, n. sp.

*N. cahuitensis* Olsson (1922, pp. 343-344), pl. 18, figs. 21-24). Middle Miocene of Costa Rica. *N. venezuelana*, n. sp. is close to



*N. cahuitensis* especially in the general nature of the prodissoconch and the sculpture of the lunular area. However, the radial striae are more ubiquitous on *N. venezuelana*, and whereas *N. venezuelana* is rounded polygonal in outline *N. cahuitensis* is obliquely subtrigonal.

***Nucula (Ennucula) mareana*, new species**

Pl. 1, figs. 7-10

Shell small, elongate oval, moderately inflated, inequilateral. Umbo large and full, the beak fairly low, the prodissoconch small, smooth, and white. Anterior and posterior ends sharply rounded, the posterior a little more acute than the anterior. Dorsal margin anterior to beak gently convex, the posterior strongly convex at the middle and slightly concave as it approaches the curve of the ventral margin. Ventral margin well rounded. There is neither a true lunule nor true escutcheon, but the valves are somewhat flattened in both areas. Chondrophore oblique, narrowly spoon-shaped, the basal margin rounded. Hinge of adult with 5-6 posterior teeth and 13-14 anterior teeth, the anterior ones enlarging progressively away from the chondrophore, the posterior ones about as large near the chondrophore as they are distally. On the left valve the posterior tooth adjacent to the chondrophore tends to be bifid, whereas on the single right valve contained in my collection that tooth is single but a trifle broader than the others. The anterior and posterior teeth away from the chondrophore are triangularly cusped, the concave sides facing the ends of the valves. Interior (including the margin) smooth, subnacreous. A broad radial band of reinforcing shell material extends from the beak toward the pallial line. Pallial line and adductor scars scarcely visible. Exterior dull and smooth but with concentric bands and lineations that show no relief whatsoever. Whether these concentric markings are raised or grooved on perfect specimens is not known.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G478a), left valve, length 4.4 mm.; height 3.3 mm., thickness 0.9 mm. Paratype (G478b), right valve, length 4 mm.; height 3.1 mm.; thickness 0.75 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Five specimens including four left valves and one right valve.



*Remarks.*—Subgenerically the new Venezuelan species falls between *Ennucula* Iredale (1931, Australian Mus. Rec., vol. 18, no. 4, pp. 202, 231) and *Nucolopsis* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, p. 14, pl. 1, figs. 2-3) but is closer to the former. On *Nucolopsis* (also spelled *Nuculopsis* by Woodring) the posterior teeth are not reduced in size toward the chondrophore, and in this respect the Venezuelan shell is like the type *N.* (*Nucolopsis*) *hilli* Woodring from the middle Miocene of Jamaica. In all other respects it fits the subgenus *Ennucula*.

*Comparisons.*—*Nucula mareana*, n. sp. is comparable to *N. tenuis* (Montagu) (1808, p. 56, pl. 29, fig. 1), *N. aegeënsis* Jeffreys (1879, Zool. Soc. London, Proc., p. 581), *N. cardara* Dall (see Schenck, 1939, p. 34, pl. 5, figs. 12, 14, 18, 21), and *N. uruguayensis* Smith (1880c, p. 320). *N. tenuis* is a circumboreal species which has been reported as far south as the Mediterranean in Europe, along the New England coast in the Western Atlantic, and to Baja California, Mexico, in the Eastern Pacific. As a fossil it has been reported by Dall from the "Miocene" of Alaska, according to Grant and Gale (1931, p. 111). *N. tenuis* is a variable shell but is always more gently rounded at the extremities than *N. mareana* and has a fairly well-defined escutcheon which is not present on the Venezuelan form. The southern Western Atlantic analogue of *N. tenuis* is *N. aegeënsis* which has been recorded from Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Trinidad in 5 to 464 fathoms. *N. aegeënsis* is differentiated from *N. mareana* in being much more rounded at the posterior end. *N. cardara*, a Recent Eastern Pacific shell ranging from Monterey, California, to Baja California, Mexico, in deep water (1090 fathoms, in mud, off San Diego, California), is considerably larger than *N. mareana*, and the posterior teeth are slightly smaller near the chondrophore than are those of the Venezuelan fossil. *N. uruguayensis* Smith, as figured in Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology (vol. 13, p. 299, pl. 18, figs. 12-12b) is also much larger than *N. mareana*, and the valves instead of being smooth are somewhat deeply furrowed at stages of arrested growth. *N. uruguayensis* Smith was obtained off Montevideo, Uruguay, from mud at 13 fathoms. *N. uruguayensis* Marshall, also collected in Uruguay in the estuary of Río de La Plata on the Costa de Maldonado, is different than the *N. uruguayensis* of Smith, having weak radial sculpture and a crenulate

ventral margin. Marshall's *N. uruguayensis* has been re-named *N. marshalli* by Schenck (1939, Jour. Paleont., vol. 13, pp. 29-30).

### NUCULANIDAE

#### ***Nuculana (Saccella) karlmartini*, new species**

Pl. 1, figs. 11-17;  
Pl. 2, figs. 1-4

1888. *Leda acuta* (Conrad) ?, Schepman [in] Martin, Bericht über eine Reise nach Nederlandisch West-Indien und darauf gegründete Studien, Leiden: II—Geologische Studien, Appendix. Not *Nuculana acuta* Conrad, Amer. Marine Conchology, p. 32, pl. 6, fig. 3, 1832.

Shell small, inflated, equivalve but inequilateral, a little elongate, the beaks slightly forward of the middle. Anterior end well rounded and a little produced, the posterior end prolonged to a moderately acute tip. Ventral margin rounded, the curvature generally a little more pronounced just anterior to the middle, the margin near the anterior end often forming a shallow embayment. Dorsal margin anterior to umbo evenly convex; posterior to the umbo, the margin is slightly concave to nearly straight from the chondrophore to above the farthest tooth, then concave again from there to the posterior tip. Young specimens are less elongate than adults. On the exterior there is a shallow anterior depression running from near the umbo to the base, the depression widening toward the ventral margin; posteriorly there is a narrow, moderately pronounced ridge diverging away from the rim of the escutcheon. Lunule long, narrow, lanceolate, defined by a slightly sunken, feebly impressed groove, the lunular edges of the valves a little raised. The concentric ribs at the summit of the valve end abruptly at the margin of the lunule, the lunule itself marked with faint longitudinal striae and short corrugations running at a right angle to the long axis of the shell. Escutcheon large, deeply sunken, elongate cordate, bordered by a keeled rim over which the concentric ribs of the valves are accented, the ribs continuing with slight obliqueness and somewhat diminished strength on the escutcheon itself. Hinge with a deep, rounded-triangular chondrophore. On specimens 10-12 mm. in length there are 17 to 22 teeth on the hinge anterior to the chondrophore, and 14 to 19 teeth posterior to the chondrophore. The teeth are small and crowded near the chondrophore, longer and



more widely separated away from it, the larger teeth angulately cusped, the concave sides facing toward the extremities. Pallial line rather distant from the basal margin, the pallial sinus relatively large, subrectangular, and oblique, the apex broadly U-shaped, the connection with the pallial line acute, the re-entrant of the sinus reaching to about a line under the seventh tooth from the end. Anterior adductor scar larger and lower than the posterior. Interior not nacreous, generally smooth and porcelaneous but sometimes with the external ribs reflected through. External sculpture consisting of fairly regular concentric ribs parallel with the ventral margin, and extending to the extremities of the disk as well as on the umbo to near the tip of the beak. The ribs are close together on the umbos, farther apart and often recurved below and, on a specimen 10 mm. in length, there are 35 of them. The interspaces are generally smoothish, although on the anterior end of large specimens there may be faint microscopic radial striae locally.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (I473a), a doublet, length 12.2 mm.; height 6.8 mm.; thickness 5 mm. Paratype (I473b), right valve, length 10.2 mm.; height 5.5 mm.; thickness 2.1 mm. Paratype (I473c), left valve, length 11.4 mm.; height 6.8 mm.; thickness 2 mm. Paratype (G473c), left valve, length 4.1 mm.; height 2.6 mm.; thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (G473d), left valve, length 8.8 mm.; height 4.9 mm.; thickness 2.0 mm. Paratype (G473e), right valve, length 9.5 mm.; height 5.1 mm.; thickness 2.0 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Thirty-eight specimens including fourteen right valves, seventeen left valves, and seven doublets.

*Other localities*.—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Seven specimens including three right valves, two left valves, and two doublets. Upper Mare formation, 115 meters south-southwest of the crossing of Quebrada Mare Abajo and coast road. Two specimens including one right valve and one left valve. Upper mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Three specimens including two left valves and one right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of



Punta Gorda anticline. Two specimens including one right valve and one left valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas about 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Three specimens including one right valve, one left valve, and one doublet.

*Comparisons.*—Although this is probably the same species as the one identified by Schepman as *Leda acuta* ?, I do not think it is the *Nuculana acuta* of Conrad as that is a smaller shell with more numerous concentric riblets than the Cabo Blanco species. It is true that *N. acuta* is as variable as it is widespread (Miocene to Recent, and from Maryland, U.S.A., to the West Indies as well as, according to Dall (1909, p. 250), from California to Chile in west America, but all of the many specimens of *N. acuta* I have examined at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia are smaller and more closely ribbed than *N. karlmartini*, n. sp. Actually, the new species is just as close to the Pleistocene and Recent *N. elenensis* (Sowerby) (see Hertlein and Strong, Zoologica, vol. 25, pt. 4, No. 25, pp. 393-394, pl. 1, figs. 12, 14-19, 22) from the west coast of the Americas, the principal difference being that equivalent-sized forms of *N. elenensis* have fewer teeth on the hinge than *N. karlmartini*, n. sp. The middle Miocene *N. peltella* (Dall) (see Woodring, 1925, p. 16, pl. 1, figs. 4-5) from Bowden, Jamaica, has a more centrally located beak than *N. karlmartini* and is sculptured by more numerous concentric ribs.

*Remarks.*—*Nuculana* (*Saccella*) *karlmartini*, n. sp. is named in honor of Prof. [Johann] Karl [Ludvig] Martin, eminent Dutch geologist, who visited Venezuela in 1885 while on a scientific mission to the West Indian colonies of the Netherlands, and author of one of the early papers dealing with the geology of the Cabo Blanco area of Venezuela.

***Nuculana* (*Saccella*) *axelolssoni*, new species**

Pl. 2, figs. 5-10

Shell small, a little inflated, elongate-lenticular, equivalve but inequilateral, the beaks a little forward of the middle. Anterior end well rounded and a little produced, the posterior end tapering to a slightly blunted point. Ventral margin rounded except near the

anterior end where it may be shallowly sinuate. Dorsal margin anterior to umbo evenly convex; posterior to the umbo, the margin representing the edge of the valve is somewhat raised to about a point over the farthest tooth on the hinge, and a little concave therefrom to the posterior tip. On the exterior of the valve there is a slight radial depression near the anterior end, the depression widening toward the ventral margin; posteriorly there is also a radial depression bounded by the elevated rim of the escutcheon and by a feeble ridglet extending from the beak to the basal margin. Lunule long, narrow, lanceolate, defined by a feebly impressed groove; the concentric ribs of the valve terminate in strength at the lunular groove but continue weakly on the lunule itself which is, however, marked with short corrugations running at a right angle to the long axis of the shell. Escutcheon large, depressed, elongate cordate, bordered by a keeled rim over which the concentric ribs of the valve are accentuated, the ribs continuing with slight obliqueness and diminished strength on the escutcheon itself. Hinge with a fairly deep, small, more or less triangular chondrophore. On 2 specimens, each about 6 mm. in length, there are, including the crowded ones near the chondrophore, 17 teeth anterior to the chondrophore and 12 teeth posterior to the chondrophore. The teeth are longer and larger toward the ends of the hinge and are angulately cusped, the concave sides facing toward the extremities. The pallial line and pallial sinus are not visible, nor are the adductor scars clear. Interior not nacreous, gently corrugated by the external ribs which are reflected through. External sculpture consisting of concentric ridges which are fine and close together on the umbos, farther apart, and subequally spaced below. The beak itself is smooth. On the disk proper the ridges tend to be recurved and rounded, but in the depressed areas fore and aft, the ridges are a little narrower and sharper. On the keel of the escutcheon there is often a short concentric riblet between the main ones, the former becoming obsolescent in the posterior radial depression. On specimens 6, 7, and 8 mm. long there are, respectively, 18, 22, and 23 concentric riblets. The interspaces are generally smoothish, although there may be a narrow zone adjacent to the depressions with a few very fine short radial threads.



*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G474a), left valve, length 6.3 mm.; height 3.5 mm.; thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (G474b), right valve, length 4.5 mm.; height 2.4 mm.; thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (G474c), immature left valve, length 2.4 mm.; height 1.3 mm.; thickness 0.3 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three specimens including two left valves and one right valve.

*Other localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Eight specimens including five right valves and three left valves.

*Comparisons*.—This species is similar to *N. karlmartini*, n. sp. but is not so plump and has fewer concentric ridges. The closest Recent shell is the Eastern Pacific *N. impar* (Pilsbry and Lowe) (1932, pp. 106-107, pl. 17, figs. 3-6) from Mexico to Costa Rica, but on *N. impar* the ribs become closer together from the middle of the valve to the ventral margin whereas on the Venezuelan *N. axelolssoni*, n. sp. the ribs are more or less equally spaced from the middle down. The closest fossil species are *N. dodona* (Dall) (1898, pp. 589-590, pl. 32, fig. 6) and *N. trochilia* (Dall) (1898, p. 590, pl. 32, figs. 4, 12), both from the middle Miocene of Florida. *N. dodona* is characterized by "even, high, blunt-edged, slightly recurved lamellae, with deeply excavated, wider interspaces, which are striated by lines of growth," but on *N. axelolssoni* the ribs are less numerous and less elevated, and the interspaces are not spirally striate. On *N. trochilia* the keel of the escutcheon is much less strongly ribbed than on the new Venezuelan species.

*Remarks*.—The new species is named in honor of Axel A. Olsson in recognition of his contributions to American paleontology over a span of nearly half a century. Happily, his work continues with unabated vigor.

***Nuculana (Saccella) marella*, new species**

Pl. 2, figs. 11, 12

Shell small, thin, moderately inflated, inequilateral, the dorsal margin and forward end of the valve broken away, the posterior



end rostrate. Posterior dorsal margin convex to a little beyond the farthest tooth on the hinge, sinuate therefrom to the extremity. Ventral margin gently rounded forward from the posterior depression. Posterior depression caret-shaped, forming an angle of 37 degrees, and extending from the posterior side of the umbo to the basal margin. The ridge bordering the depression is smooth, relatively broad and high, prolonged somewhat at the base, the termination subacute. The rise of the disk at the forward side of the depression is gentle. Escutcheon narrowly cordate, relatively high and thin at the valve edge, sunken a little adjacent to the posterior ridge, defined from the ridge by a feebly impressed groove, and marked by microscopic, hardly discernible oblique striae. Hinge with about six teeth posterior to the beak, the teeth increasing in size toward the far end. Exterior of shell sculptured by low rounded prominent concentric ribs (estimated at 18 in all), the ribs smaller and closer together on the umbo than below, where, from about the middle down, they are about equal in size and spacing. The ribs are obsolescent in the posterior depression and seem absent or evanescent on the posterior ridge bordering the escutcheon. The interior is thinly enameled in part, smoothly corrugated by the impressions of the external ribs. The pallial line and pallial sinus are not visible.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (F475a), broken right valve, length 1.3 mm.; width 0.9 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One broken right valve, the holotype.

*Remarks*.—The seeming prolongation of the posterior ridge may perhaps be due to breakage of the ventral margin. In other respects the shell resembles *N. axelolssoni*, n. sp., and it might turn out that it is an immature specimen of that species. However, the posterior depression diverges much more than that of *N. axelolssoni* and the posterior ridge bordering the depression is completely smooth whereas on *N. axelolssoni*, n. sp. and *N. karlmartini*, n. sp. the ridge is sculptured by sharp concentric ridges. Until more specimens are available of this small shell it seems best to consider it distinct.

**Nuculana (Saccella) species**

Pl. 2, fig. 13

Illustrated is the internal filling of a left valve. The shell is small, inflated, a little inequilateral, somewhat prolonged posteriorly. There is a fairly pronounced radial depression near the posterior end and the merest suggestion of an anterior one. The beak is relatively high, and there are at least 11 anterior and at least 10 posterior teeth on the hinge. The anterior dorsal margin is slightly convex, the posterior dorsal margin slightly concave, the ventral margin of the disk gently rounded.

*Dimensions*.—Figured specimen O476a (extremities broken away), length 4.5 mm.; height 2.9 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) near W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One specimen.

*Remarks*.—The mold is not dissimilar to that of *N. karlmartini*, n. sp. but without more to go on the species must remain indeterminate.

**Nuculana (Jupiteria ?) species**

Pl. 23, fig. 1

The internal filling is of a small plump subtriangular shell with a high umbo. The dorsal anterior margin is gently convex, the dorsal posterior margin slightly concave with a somewhat more inclined slope than the anterior. Basal margin evenly rounded. Posterior end of valve subtruncate. There are about 13 teeth on the hinge anterior to the beak, but the posterior ones are missing.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen O476b, left valve, length 4.5 mm.; height 3.2 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) near W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One specimen.

*Remarks*.—This internal mold suggests a similarity to *N. bowdenensis bowdenensis* (Woodring) (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, p. 19, pl. 1, figs. 11-12) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica, but until better Venezuelan specimens are available a definitive determination cannot be made.

**Adrana cf. tellinoides (Sowerby)**

Pl. 2, figs. 14-15

1815. *Nucula tellinoides* Sowerby, The Genera of Recent and Fossil Shells, *Nucula*, vol. 1, pl. 82, fig. 2. Cumaná, Venezuela.



1828. *Arca tellinoides* (Sowerby), Wood, Index Testaceologicus, Supplement, p. 6, pl. 2, *Arca*, fig. 5b.  
1866. *Leda tellinoides* (Sowerby), Thes. Conchyl., vol. 3, p. 108, pl. 227, fig. 36.  
1939. *Nuculana tellinoides* (Sowerby), Rehder, Nautilus, vol. 53, No. 1, p. 17.

Shell thin, translucent, compressed, long elliptical, subequilateral. Anterior and posterior dorsal margins forming an angle of about 170 degrees, the anterior margin straight, the posterior gently concave. Beak small, glassy, smooth, subcentral, scarcely projecting. Escutcheon long and narrow, sunken below the bordering keel-like ridge, the valve margin a little elevated, thin, and strongly sloping. The ridge bordering the escutcheon is low, narrow, sharply rounded, marked with numerous sharp regularly disposed threads which are curved near the umbo but become more and more slanted toward the posterior; these threads are the continuations of the concentric threads on the disk but are more accentuated than they are on the valve proper; on the escutcheon itself the threads are present near the beak but become obsolescent distally. Lunule long and extremely narrow, also sunken in some measure below the anterior dorsal margin of the disk. Chondrophore large but shallow, broadly triangular, bisected by a vertical resilial groove a little aft of the middle. Teeth of hinge numerous, thin, erect, sharply pointed, smaller and closer near the chondrophore, a little more widely spaced and longer toward the extremities of the hinge. The total number of teeth is not known as the ends of the single specimen are broken away, but on this right valve there remain about 30 posterior teeth and 33 anterior teeth. Interior of valve glossy, the pallial line and pallial sinus not visible. Exterior of valve sculptured by sharp fine concentric threads extending from the umbo (the beak proper is completely smooth and hyaline) about halfway down the disk, the threads crowded on the umbo but widening progressively toward the ventral margin. There are approximately 25 of these concentric threads, all but the bottom 3 shallowly encircling the disk from the border of the lunule to the escutcheon. The three lowest threads extend from the lunule to about the middle of the disk and there become obsolescent. On the umbo there are three or four threads which splay off the concentric ones as straight rays roughly parallel with the posterior dorsal keel but extending only a short distance



across the disk. Below the bottommost concentric thread there are broad concentric bands parallel with threads, the bands probably representing former threads which have been worn down. The ventral margin of the valve is broken away as are the anterior and posterior ends. There is a barely perceptible radial furrow or depression diverging from the anterior side of the umbo toward the anterior ventral margin and possibly a similar posterior furrow radiating to the posterior ventral margin below the ridge bordering the escutcheon. The posterior dorsal area below the posterior ridge is smooth.

*Dimensions*.—Figured specimen T544a, right valve, (extremities and base missing), length 9.5 mm.; height 2.7 mm.

*Locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One incomplete right valve.

*Remarks*.—Sowerby's 1866 English description of *A. tellinoides* was as follows:

Elongated, lanceolated-elliptic, slightly flexuous, bending down a little in front, and inclining upwards a little behind; thin, glossy, snow-white, compressed; smooth behind, elsewhere striated; striae curved and slanting in the middle, almost concentric in front. Sides very nearly equal, gradually and nearly equally tapering to either extremity; anterior end rotundately peaked; posterior end angular above, rounded below. Dorsal slopes very slight; the front one plano-convex, the hinder one barely subretuse. Ventral margin subarcuated throughout, with an extremely slight anterior, and no posterior re-tusion. Dorsal areas inconspicuous; the hinder one impressed, its edges crenulated. Teeth very numerous on both sides.—Besides the longitudinal striae, a few symmetrical lines of growth may be discerned beneath the front dorsal edge, and a few still more indistinct ones (but no striae) on the opposite side. In mature examples similar lines are likewise manifest in the middle, near the lower margin.

The immature Cabo Blanco fossil is exceedingly close to the Recent *A. tellinoides* originally described from Cumaná, Venezuela, but whether it is the same or not cannot be determined without more material. The fossil closely resembles Sowerby's illustration, but comparison with an adult Recent specimen from Cumaná in the collection at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (No. 43333) shows the dorsal margin of the Cumaná shell to be gently convex overall whereas on the Cabo Blanco fossil the margins diverge at an angle of about 170 degrees. It is not unlikely, however,

that the configuration of the dorsal margin becomes more rounded with growth.

*Comparisons.*—Among other Recent species of *Adrana*, the Cabo Blanco fossil is closest perhaps to *A. notabilis* Rehder (1939, *Nautilus*, vol. 53, No. 1, pp. 16-17, pl. 6, figs. 4, 12) from the Paraguaná Peninsula, Venezuela, and is reminiscent of *A. scaphoides* Rehder (1939, *Nautilus*, vol. 53, No. 1, pp. 17-18, pl. 6, fig. 5) from near Cartagena, Colombia. Inasmuch as the ventral margin is broken away on *A. cf. tellinoides* (Sby.) a comparison by shape cannot be made but the angle of the hinge line is a little more acute on *notabilis* (165 degrees compared with 170 degrees on *A. cf. tellinoides*). The dorsal areas of *A. notabilis* are smooth whereas on *A. cf. tellinoides* not only is the keel of the escutcheon heavily threaded but there are short strong corrugations on the escutcheon itself near the beak, the corrugations running at right angles to the keel and becoming obsolescent away from the beak. Furthermore the concentric ribbing on the umbo is sharper on *A. cf. tellinoides* than on *A. notabilis*. The sculpture of *A. scaphoides* Rehder consists of "fine concentric grooves which cut slightly diagonally across the growth lines," and *A. scaphoides* lacks the keel-like ridge bordering the escutcheon. Among fossil species, the Cabo Blanco shell is somewhat similar to *A. montserratensis* (Maury) (1925, pp. 176-177, pl. 12, fig. 1) from the late Miocene Springvale deposits of Trinidad, but *A. montserratensis*, in addition to being differently sculptured, has a virtually horizontal hinge before and after the beak. *A. quitanensis* Olsson (1922, p. 346, pl. 18, fig. 29) from the middle Miocene of Costa Rica may be distinguished from *A. cf. tellinoides* (Sby.) by the anterior location of the beaks. Nine Recent species of *Adrana* have been described from tropical west American waters (see Hertlein and Strong, 1940, *Zoologica*, vol. 25, pt. 4, No. 25, pp. 406-412), but the Venezuelan shell appears to be distinct from all of them.

#### ARCIDAE

##### **Arca (Arca) zebra** (Swainson)

Pl. 2, figs. 16-17

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The Recent Venezuelan shell is inequilateral, subrectangular, and somewhat eccentric. The anterior end is subtruncate, slightly to markedly narrower than the posterior, the posterior end angularly rounded at the curve with the ventral margin, the upper part of the posterior margin moderately concave and a little alate. The byssal gape is asymmetric, subcentral, shallowly to strongly embayed. Posterior rostration moderately broad, shallowly depressed. Cardinal area flat, moderately wide, marked with widely separated converging ligamental grooves of which the innermost pair or two may meet under the beak to form a somewhat inequilateral caret. Hinge straight, with numerous even teeth. Muscle scars high, the posterior large, broadly oval, and oriented parallel with the long axis of the valve, the anterior one smaller and subtriangular with a rounded basal margin. Ventral margin feebly crenulate. Exteriorly there is a radially depressed area diverging obliquely from the umbo and widening to the basal margin, the depression slight to pronounced. Within, the depression is reflected by a convexity of the interior. Sculpture consisting of radial riblets and interstitial threads, these often rendered crenulate by fine concentric growth grooves. The external ground color is straw with broad, zigzag, zebra-like stripes of dark brown. The interior is mahogany, mottled with dull cream. The periostracum is a dull brown to straw-colored fibrous mat, the fibers distinctly radial.

*Dimensions*.—Figured specimen A369aa, right valve, length 50 mm.; height from umbo to ventral margin 20.3 mm.; thickness 12.2 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Four specimens including three right valves and one large fragment.

*Remarks*.—The Mediterranean analogue is *A. noae* Linnaeus (Syst. Nat., ed. 12, p. 1140). That species is more evenly rectangular, exhibits less of a torque effect, and the basal margin is more strongly



crenulate than that of *A. zebra*. The west American and Eastern Pacific analogue is the Pliocene to Recent *A. pacifica* (Sowerby) (see Reinhart, 1943, pp. 26-27, pl. 14, figs. 3, 4), but that is more expanded posteriorly than the east American and Western Atlantic *A. zebra*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Arca zebra* is a common Recent species which attaches itself to rocks with its byssus. It has been found from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Brazil, at depths to 32 fathoms. In the Pleistocene it has been reported from Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, Cuba, the Panama Canal Zone, St. Eustatius, Curaçao, Blanquilla, and Aruba. Pliocene representatives are recorded from the Caloosahatchee marl of Florida and from Matura, Trinidad. In the upper Miocene it is found in Trinidad, and in the middle Miocene it occurs in Venezuela, Colombia, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Florida.

***Arca (Arca) zebra abisiniana*, new subspecies**

Pl. 2, figs. 18-19

This form is much the same as *A. zebra zebra* Swainson except that it is wanting in the broad radial depression extending from the umbo to the base. The exterior of the valve, instead of being depressed a little anterior to the middle as on the typical *A. zebra*, is evenly and rather highly inflated throughout, and the slight byssal gape is situated far forward rather than submedially. In all other respects the present shell seems the same as *A. zebra zebra*, and although it may turn out that the shell in question is merely an individual variant, it seems best to give it a subspecific designation until more specimens become available.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (D368a), right valve broken away posteriorly, length 61 mm., height 34 mm.; thickness 20.5 mm.

*Type locality.*—Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One right valve, the holotype.

***Arca (Arca) imbricata* Bruguière**

Pl. 3, figs. 1-8

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Shell somewhat distorted, narrowly to broadly rhomboidal, inflated, with a high sharp posterior ridge. Anterior end hardly rounded to subtruncate, the posterior angulately concave in greater or lesser degree. Byssal gape in front of middle, asymmetric, generally strongly embayed. Cardinal area broad, flattish, engraved with one or two sets of converging ligamental grooves below the beak, the grooves generally, but not always absent on the rest of the area. If there are two sets of grooves, the outer converges to a caret under the beak proper, whereas on the inner set the posterior groove is shorter and does not join the anterior one; if there is one set of grooves the posterior is invariably somewhat shorter than the anterior and does not join the anterior to form an apex to the caret. Beaks high, oblique, appressed on top, situated well forward. Hinge straight and narrow, widening slightly and gradually toward the extremities, the teeth numerous, equally spaced, and small. Exterior with a broad radial depression extending from the umbo to the byssal gape of the ventral margin. Surface closely sculptured by radial riblets which are crossed by concentric sublamellate ridges producing a reticulate pattern and rendering the riblets beadlike. On the posterior wing there are five or six widely separated low broad ribs which are made crenulate, nodulous, or scabrous by concentric growth laminae or striae. Posterior muscle scar large, broadly oval, and oriented in the long direction of the shell, the anterior scar a little smaller and roundly subtrigonal in outline. The Recent shells are purplish brown and cream-colored without, light purple within. The periostracum is shaggy, fibrous, and thick, standing out in long, radially striate tufts along the posterior ridge.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A369a, right valve, length 50 mm.; height from umbo to ventral margin 24.5 mm.; thickness 16 mm. Specimen A369b, young left valve, length 26.7 mm.; height from umbo to ventral margin 16 mm.; thickness 9.9 mm. Specimen C369a, right valve, length 66.6 mm.; height from umbo to ventral margin 33.6 mm.; thickness 18 mm. Specimen A371a, left valve, length 37.8 mm.; height from umbo to ventral margin 32.3 mm.; thickness 19.8 mm. Specimen D371a, left valve, length 40 mm.; height from umbo to ventral margin 29 mm.; thickness 15.8 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club,



Distrito Federal. Forty specimens including twenty-two left valves, seventeen right valves, and one doublet. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. Two specimens including one left valve and one right. La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Five specimens including three left valves and two right valves.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *A. imbricata* Bruguière is a common species in the Western Atlantic, ranging from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Brazil, in less than 50 fathoms. The species has also been recorded from Senegal, Malaya, and near Cape York, North Australia, in 25 fathoms. Of the last-named occurrence, Edgar A. Smith (1885) had this to say in his *Challenger* report: "There should be, one would think, and perhaps in reality there is, a difference between the West Indian and Australian shells which appear to belong to this species, but at present I am unable to discover it." In 1890, Smith reiterated this opinion, stating that "This species was also obtained by the 'Challenger' Expedition at Fernando Noronha; and other examples were dredged near Cape York, N. Australia. This seems a remarkable distribution; still, as far as I can discover, there appears to be no difference in the shells." Bartsch (1915, p. 230) listed *A. imbricata* as having been obtained by Col. Turton at Port Alfred, South Africa. Present-day authorities consider the Indo-Pacific form to be *A. ventricosa* Lamarck (1819, *An. sans Vert.*, vol. 6, p. 38).

As a fossil *A. imbricata* has been reported from the following areas:

Pleistocene—Florida, Cuba, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Panama Canal Zone, Barbados, Venezuela; Pliocene—Florida, Trinidad, Costa Rica; middle Miocene—Florida, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica; lower Miocene—Florida, Puerto Rico.

**Barbatia (Barbatia) candida** (Helbling)

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Venezuelan shell of medium size, thin, subrhomboidal to subtrapezoidal, with a slight but broad subcentral radial depression on the lower fourth of the valve. Anterior end gently rounded, the posterior lateral margin oblique, truncate to subtruncate, a little concave immediately below the end of the hinge line, the curve with the ventral margin acute to subacute, the central margin gently sinuous. Byssal gape forward of the middle, hardly embayed. Beaks anterior, low, appressed. Cardinal area relatively narrow, scored with four or five irregular, obtusely angulate ligamental grooves. Posterior rostration moderately wide, a little sunken, generally well defined by the posterior rib. Hinge nearly straight, narrowest a little posterior to the beak, widening slightly and gradually toward the extremities. Inner margin fluted throughout, the flutings lying under the termini of the external ribs, larger and more widely spaced along the posterior and anterior lateral borders, smaller and more numerous on the ventral border. Surface sculptured by fairly numerous, strong, somewhat nodulous radial ribs, most of the ribs single but some of them double, those on the posterior dorsal area more widely separated than the others. Crossing the radials are growth ridges, the ridges low and obscure on the disk but much more pronounced on the anterior and posterior dorsal areas, especially the latter where they form strong elevated ropy crenations on the radial ribs. Color straw without, white within. Periostracum dark brown, shaggy, longest at posterior end.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A338a, left valve, length 29 mm.; height 19.5 mm.; thickness 8 mm. Specimen A391a1-2, paired valves, length 13.4 mm.; height 7.2 mm.; thickness of attached valves 5.6 mm. Specimen D381a, right valve, length 31 mm.; height (base broken away) 17.9 mm.; thickness 9.6 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Seven specimens including four left valves, one right valve, and two doublets. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One poorly preserved right valve the identity of which is in doubt.



*Remarks.*—This species is distinguished from its congeners by the strongly crenate ribs on the posterior dorsal area.

*Range and distribution.*—Lower Miocene to Recent. Living from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil, in shallow water. Pleistocene of Cuba, St. Eustatius, Barbados, and Venezuela. Pliocene of Trinidad. Middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic. Lower Miocene of Puerto Rico.

**Barbatia (Acar) domingensis (Lamarck)**

Pl. 4, figs. 1-9

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Shell small and solid, swollen, boxlike, subrhomboidal, more or less distorted, with a subcentral radial depression from below the umbo to the ventral margin. Byssal gape a little behind the middle, slightly to moderately embayed. Posterior ridge well defined. Anterior end subtruncate to gently rounded, the posterior end oblique and slightly rounded, the curve with the ventral margin at the termination of the posterior ridge acutely rounded. Umbos broad, situated a little forward to considerably forward of center. Cardinal area narrow, bearing several irregular ligamental grooves rudely parallel with the hinge line. Hinge very gently arcuate, narrowest a little posterior to the beaks, widening gradually toward the ends. Muscle scars pronounced. Inner margin finely denticulate, the denticulations extending to the ends of the hinge. Sculpture consisting of numerous elevated radial cords separated by grooves of approximately the same width, crossed by larger more or less equally spaced concentric ridges, the radial cords nodulated at the intercepts. Between the concentric ridges, the interr radial grooves appear as deep narrow rectangular pits. Color straw on exterior, whitish or dull brown within, the muscle scars snow-white.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A385a, right valve, length 13.5 mm.; height 10.3 mm.; thickness 5.7 mm. Specimen A385b, left valve, length 20 mm.; height 12 mm.; thickness 5.8 mm. Specimen A385c, valves attached, length 12 mm.; height 9 mm.; thickness 7.4 mm. Specimen D 385a, right valve, length 12 mm.; height 6 mm.; thickness 3.4 mm. Specimen D 385b, left valve, length 12.9 mm.; height 7.5 mm.; thickness 4.1 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Eighty-one specimens including thirty-three left valves, thirty-three right valves, and fifteen doublets. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. Thirty specimens including twelve left valves, eighteen right valves, and a number of fragments.

*Remarks*.—*B. domingensis* (Lamarck) is the West Indian shell referred to by authors as *B. reticulata* (Gmelin) (1791, Syst. Nat., p. 3311). *B. reticulata*, however, is from the Indian Ocean. According to Woodring (1925c, p. 36), the illustration of *A. reticulata* by Chemnitz (1784, Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet, vol. 7, pp. 193-194, pl. 54, fig. 540) does not resemble the West Indian arcid that has been



identified as *reticulata*. The nearest west American analogue of *B. domingensis* is *B. rostrae* Berry (see Keen, 1958, p. 28, fig. 41) but that is not as boxlike as *B. domingensis* and has a much more pronounced radial depression. The Pleistocene to Recent west American *B. gradata* Broderip and Sowerby (see Keen, 1958, p. 28, fig. 40) has also been synonymized with *D. domingensis* but is much more coarsely ribbed.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *B. domingensis* (Lamarck) ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. It is usually found in shallow water under rocks but has been reported as deep as 287 fathoms by Dall (1889). In the Pleistocene, *B. domingensis* has been recorded from Florida, Cuba, Barbados, and the Panama Canal Zone; in the Pliocene from Florida and Trinidad; in the middle Miocene from Florida, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic; and in the lower Miocene from Florida and Puerto Rico.

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Shell of medium size, thin, subtranslucent, moderately inflated, trapezoidal in outline, with a faint submedial radial depression extending from below the umbo to the base. Hinge and base line subparallel, anterior end rounded, posterior end oblique, gently rounded to subtruncate, the curve with the posterior ventral margin acute, the ventral margin hardly embayed submedially. Beak an-

terior, appressed on top. Cardinal area somewhat concave, narrowly subanceolate but broader under the beaks. Hinge narrow, gently arcuate, narrowest posterior to the beak, with about 26 small teeth of which there are 16 anteriorward from the narrowest point of the hinge and 10 posterior from that point. Edge of inner margin closely but feebly fluted, the interior of the valve rayed with low fine corrugations reflecting the external riblets. Surface uniformly sculptured by narrow, beaded, or crenulated radial riblets generally alternating in size on the lower half of the disk, the riblets a little larger and the crenulations coarser near the well-rounded posterior ridge. The periostracum is a thin fibrous mat, olive-brown in color, the fibers more closely spaced and longer on the posterior dorsal area adjacent to the posterior ridge. Shell color straw to light tan on the exterior, white within.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A389a1-2, length 19 mm.; height 13 mm.; thickness of doublet 9.5 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Three specimens including two left valves and one doublet.

*Range and distribution*.—The living *B. tenera* (C. B. Adams) ranges from Florida to northern South America. I have not seen it recorded as a fossil.

***Arcopsis adamsi* "Shuttleworth" (E. A. Smith)**

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Pl. 5, figs. 1-6

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Shell small, inflated, boxlike, subrhomboidal in outline, with a slight submedial radial depression from well below the umbo to the base. Anterior end rounded, the hinge and base line parallel, the posterior end somewhat obliquely subtruncate, the ventral margin hardly embayed submedially. Posterior ridge high but rounded, the posterior dorsal area relatively broad. Beaks appressed, situated near the anterior third, the prodissoconch small and smooth. Cardinal area long and narrow, the ligamental scar a small triangular area directly below the beak. The hinge line proper is straight but the distal teeth of the hinge are arrayed in a gentle downward curve. Hinge teeth subequal, about 10 of them anterior to, and 18 posterior to the small edentulous gap underneath the ligamental caret. Muscle impressions enclosed within broad white slightly raised bands which

converge dorsally under the umbo. The rim of the inner margin is rendered finely crenulate by the termini of the external riblets, but the border itself is smooth. Surface sculptured by numerous subequal radial riblets connected by finer concentric threads, the intercepts nodular or beaded, the pattern decussate. Toward the base, interstitial secondary riblets may be present. The interrarial grooves of the disk are about the same width as the riblets and appear as narrow rectangular pits, the corners made round by the nodules, the concentric threads in the interspaces separating the pits. The beads are larger and closer on the anterior than on the disk proper, and the posterior rostration is scabrous, with the ends of the nodules forming flutings or arches. The color of the Recent specimens is dull white on the surface, pale brown within except for the raised bands which are white.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A386al-2, attached valves, length 11.6 mm.; height 7.8 mm.; thickness 6.7 mm. Specimen C386a, right valve, length 9.7 mm.; height 6.2 mm.; thickness 3 mm. Specimen C386b, left valve, length 10.1 mm.; height 6.8 mm.; thickness 3.5 mm. Specimen C396a, juvenile right valve, length 2.4 mm.; height 1.5 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One specimen, a doublet. La Salina de Guaiguaza, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Five specimens including three left valves and two right valves.

*Remarks*.—This species is readily recognized by the small ligamental caret on the cardinal area under beak, by the raised lateral bands converging to the umbo in the interior, and by the fluted external ribs. The Pleistocene to Recent *A. solida* (Sowerby) is the west American analogue of *A. adamsi*, and *A. afra* (Gmelin) (see Hertlein and Strong, 1943, p. 158) is said to be the Eastern Atlantic congener. Typically, *A. solida*, which ranges from Baja California to Peru, is thicker and more gibbous than *A. adamsi*.

*Range and distribution*.—Recent, from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina to Brazil, in shallow water to 116 fathoms. Pleistocene in South Carolina, Florida, Cuba, Panama Canal Zone, and Barbados. Pliocene in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Trinidad. Upper Miocene in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia,



Florida, and Texas (?). Middle Miocene of Jamaica and Trinidad.  
Lower Miocene of Florida.

**Anadara (Larkinia) notabilis (Röding)**

Pl. 5, figs. 7-10

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Shell inflated, oblong-rhomboidal, slightly tapering anteriorly, auriculate behind. Anterior end rounded, base gently curved, posterior margin concave above. Beaks high, well forward, separated by a moderately wide lanceolate cardinal area which is scored with several long irregular obtusely angled ligamental grooves. Hinge line fairly straight, the hinge itself bearing numerous comblike teeth of which there are 15 to 18 anterior and 35 to 39 posterior. The posterior teeth are smaller than the anterior at the point of divergence of the hinge and tend to over-ride the initial anterior one. The anterior teeth at the point of divergence of the hinge may be larger than the ones immediately forward but they are longest at the distal end; the posterior teeth, on the other hand, enlarge gradually and regularly toward the posterior end. The teeth do not reach the basal margin of the hinge which is thick and smooth. Inner margin broadly corrugated. Exterior sculptured by 27 or 28 straight radial ribs crossed by numerous, more or less equally spaced concentric threads which are sharp in the interspaces but form crenations on the crest of the ribs particularly on the lower half of the disk and on the ends. The interspaces on the disk are as wide as, or in places a trifle wider, than the ribs themselves. The color of the Recent shell is whitish, and such of the periostracum as remains is brown and silky.

*Dimensions*.—Recent specimen (A382a), right valve, length 30 mm.; height 22.3 mm.; thickness 9.5 mm. Fossil specimen (S382a), left valve, length 40 mm.; height 28.2 mm.; thickness 13.5 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Two right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve.

*Remarks*.—The east American *A. notabilis* (Röding) has often been called *A. auriculata* Lamarck, but as pointed out by Abbott (1954) *A. auriculata* is from the Red Sea. The ribs of *A. notabilis* are straight, those of *A. auriculata* slightly curved. The middle Miocene Jamaican form referred by Dall (1898, p. 649) to *A. auriculata* Lamarck is *A. prephina* (Woodring) (1925, pp. 44-45, pl. 4, fig. 8).



*Range and distribution.*—The living *A. notabilis* (Röding) ranges from northern Florida to Brazil, and is found near shore to 40 fathoms. As a fossil it occurs in the Pleistocene of Florida, Cuba, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, the Panama Canal Zone, Curaçao, Colombia, Venezuela, Barbados and Brazil; in the Pliocene of the Yucatan Peninsula and Costa Rica; and in the middle Miocene of Costa Rica, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic.

**Anadara (Larkinia) species**

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The internal mold of fine-grained calcareous sandstone indicates that the shell is large, elongate-rhomboidal, inflated, alate behind, with the high beaks situated well forward. The anterior and ventral margins are gently rounded, the posterior end obliquely subtruncate, the posterior ridge moderately high and subrounded. Cardinal area fairly broad, lanceolate, a little concave. Hinge line straight, the hinge with 16 anterior teeth and an estimated 48 posterior ones. The distal anterior teeth are relatively long and crowded, whereas the posterior teeth increase regularly and progressively in size from the point of divergence. The inner margin is crenulate, and judging from the number of crenations it is estimated that there are 22-24 radial ribs on the exterior.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen M367a, length of doublet 67 mm.; height 42 mm.; thickness 38 mm.

*Locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. One specimen, an internal mold of the valves attached.

*Remarks.*—It is not possible to identify this species, but it seems to be of the same general form as the Miocene to Recent *A. notabilis* (Röding).

**Anadara (Lunarca) ovalis (Bruguière)**

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The Recent Venezuelan shell is moderately large, fairly solid, inflated, porcelaneous, longer than high, obliquely subrhomboidal or subrectangular or suboval. Anterior end rounded, base gently rounded to subtruncate, posterior end oblique and subtruncate, the posterior basal end well rounded and a little produced. Posterior ridge



high, somewhat rounded. Posterior dorsal area alate, more so on small shells than on large. Beaks far forward, nearly touching each other, snugged into the cardinal area. Anterior to the beak, the cardinal area is short and wide; posteriorly it is narrowly lanceolate, the ligamental tegument scored with several long and sometimes obtusely angulated resilial grooves. Hinge fairly straight medially, curved downward at the ends, the anterior curve shorter and more pronounced than the posterior. Separating the anterior teeth from the posterior there is a small deep irregular fossette, and the margin of the hinge above the anterior teeth is thinned and elevated into an auricular plate or strong septum. On an average there are 8 anterior teeth and 29 posterior ones, the anterior teeth coarse and irregular and not infrequently coalescing, the posterior small and crowded near the fossette which they override, gradually becoming larger and more widely separated distally. Muscle scars distinct, the pallial line parallel with, and well removed from the ventral margin. Margin corrugated by broad flat crenations, the rim of the basal margin thin. Surface sculptured by square, flat-topped radial ribs, averaging 34 in number, crossed by numerous concentric striae and lamellae, the lamellae becoming more pronounced basalward. The ribs of both valves may be feebly grooved along the middle, the grooving perhaps a little more distinct on the right valve. At the base, the ribs are a little wider than the square-cut interspaces. The color is flesh on the exterior, white within. The periostracum is black-brown and closely lamellar.

The Venezuelan fossil specimens are identical with the Recent ones. The radial ribs on young valves are tubular at the margin.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A372b, length 32.5 mm.; height 25 mm.; thickness 10 mm. Left valve, Recent. Specimen A372a, length 35 mm.; height 27 mm.; thickness 12 mm. Right valve, Recent. Specimen T384b, length 33 mm.; height 20.5 mm.; thickness 10 mm. Left valve, fossil. Specimen T384a, length 39 mm.; height 27 mm.; thickness 11 mm. Right valve, fossil.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Forty-four specimens including twenty-eight right valves and sixteen left valves. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas.

Twenty-five specimens including fifteen right valves and ten left valves. Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens, two of each valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Forty-six specimens including twenty-one right valves and twenty-five left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twenty-five specimens including fifteen right valves and ten left valves.

*Remarks.*—Bruguière's *A. ovalis* seems to have been named prior to Gmelin's well-known *campechiensis*. The species, though constant otherwise, is variable in shape, and this has given rise to such names as *A. ovalis* [*campechiensis campechiensis*] and *A. holmesii* for the rounded form, *A. americana* for the elongated porcelaneous form, and *A. pexata* for the somewhat elongated earthy form. My Recent Venezuelan shells are porcelaneous and approach *A. pexata* in shape. The largest of my fossil specimens is elongated like the variant *A. americana*. In Brazil (Jenkins, Haas) and elsewhere, roundish forms occur together with subrectangular ones, and to-day conchologists tend to agree with Dall (1898, p. 651) who, after study of a large series of Recent specimens, ranging from Jamaica to Cape Cod, was "obliged to recognize that no sharp line of discrimination can be drawn between the several varieties."

The [sub]generic name of *Lunarca* was proposed by Reinhart (1943, p. 75) as a substitute for *Argina* Gray, the latter having been preoccupied by a genus of Lepidoptera. *Argina* Gray is antedated by *Argina* Hübner circa 1822 by about 20 years.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *A. ovalis* and its several forms is a far-flung species ranging from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to Brazil. As a sub-Recent or Pleistocene fossil it has been reported from southern New England, New Jersey, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana (in wells), Cuba, the Panama Canal Zone, Venezuela and Brazil (Estado Rio Grande do Norte). Guppy listed the species (as *A. pexata*) from the Pliocene at Cumaná, Venezuela, (see *Lunarca* aff. *ovalis* Bruguière in collection 18408 at the U.S. National Museum) and Matura, Trinidad, and from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, the last being referable, however, to *A. tolepia* Dall (1898, pp. 649-650, pl. 33, figs. 1, 8). Maury



recorded the present shell as a questionable late Miocene species in well No. 29 Jennings, Louisiana, at 1960-1980 feet.

**Anadara (Lunarca ?) caboblanquensis**, new species

Pl. 6, figs. 5-8

Shell small, moderately inflated, subquadrate, broadly alate behind, narrowed somewhat in front. Anterior and posterior ends gently rounded, the ventral margin obliquely subtruncate, the curve at the ventral posterior margin fairly acute. Beaks low, a little anterior, nearly touching, slightly sulcate on top, the sulcation broadening into a very feeble radial depression and continuing to the basal margin where it becomes obsolescent. Cardinal area extremely narrow, lanceolate, concave. Hinge line sharp and straight, the hinge itself obtusely angulate, forming a small, more or less edentulous embayment under the beak. Left valve with four or five anterior teeth and seven or eight posterior teeth, the distal anterior end of the hinge a little broader than the distal posterior end. Margins scalloped or fluted at the rim, corrugated within by flat-topped crenations, each crenation lying under the corresponding intercostal groove of the exterior. Surface sculptured by 26 low square-cut radial ribs which are feebly crenulate, and, at the base of the disk, about as wide as the interspaces. Faintly decussating the exterior are rather regularly spaced concentric threads which stand out more sharply in the intercostal spaces than on the ribs themselves.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (Q394a), left valve, length 2.1 mm.; height 1.8 mm.; thickness 0.9 mm.; Paratype (T394a), left valve, length 1.8 mm.; height 1.5 mm.; thickness 0.5 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. 2 left valves, including the holotype.

*Other localities*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One left valve, the paratype. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve, badly corroded.

*Comparisons*.—This new species is not only much smaller than the upper Miocene to Recent *A. ovalis* (Bruguère), but it has fewer radial ribs and fewer teeth than that, and its beak is not situated so far forward. Also the faint radial depression (at least on the left

valve) of *A. caboblanquensis*, n. sp. is wanting on *A. ovalis*. The subgeneric position of the new species is somewhat in doubt.

**Anadara (Lunarca ?) mareana**, new species

Pl. 6, figs. 9-12

Shell small, moderately inflated, subquadrate, broadly alate behind, narrowed a little in front. Anterior end well rounded, the posterior gently so, the base slightly rounded to obliquely subtruncate, the curve at the basal posterior margin fairly acute. Beaks situated a little forward, the umbos with a slight radial depression which broadens toward, but becomes obsolescent at the base. Cardinal area narrow, lanceolate, slightly concave. Hinge line fairly sharp and straight, the hinge itself slightly arcuate, with the posterior end curved slightly downward and the anterior end nearly straight. The posterior dorsal margin of the valve is thin and sharp, and the hinge line abuts into it immediately above the third from last tooth. There are 15 or 16 uninterrupted teeth of which 7 are anterior, the distal teeth scored by minute transverse grooves or striae. Margin scalloped or fluted at the rim, corrugated within by flat-topped denticles, the denticles lying under the corresponding intercostal grooves of the exterior, the ends of both the denticles and the external ribs tubular. Posterior muscle scar larger and lower than the anterior, the pallial line connecting them well removed from the ventral margin. Surface sculptured by 30 radial ribs, the ribs of the left valve seeming to be more uniformly beaded or crenate than those of the right valve, and perhaps a trifle wider than the latter at the base. Crossing the surface are regularly spaced concentric threads which stand out more sharply in the interspaces than on the ribs themselves.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (J393a), length 3.6 mm.; height 3 mm.; thickness 1.5 mm. Right valve. Paratype (J393b), length 3.7 mm.; height 3.4 mm.; thickness 1.3 mm. Left valve.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two specimens including one right valve (holotype) and one left valve (paratype).

*Other localities*.—Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve.

*Comparisons*.—*A. mareana*, n. sp. is close to *A. caboblanquensis*, n. sp. but differs from *A. caboblanquensis* in having several more



radial ribs and a wider cardinal area. Also the hinge of *A. caboblanquensis* has an embayed area under the beak where it is more or less edentulous, whereas the teeth are continuous across the gently and evenly arcuate hinge of the present species. The well-known upper Miocene to Recent *A. ovalis* (Bruguière) is larger, is more generously ribbed and toothed, has the beak more forward, and lacks, in specimens of comparable size, the faint radial depression on the umbos.

**Anadara (Cunearca) brasiliana (Lamarck)**

Pl. 6, figs. 13-16

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- 1844. *Arca incongrua* Say, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 2, *Arca*, pl. 8, sp. 50.
- 1845. *Arca brasiliana* Lamarck, Philippi, Abbildungen und Beschreibungen Conchylien, *Arca*, vol. 1, p. 44, pl. 1, fig. 3.
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- 1860. *Arca incongrua* Say, Holmes, Post-Pleiocene Fossils of South Carolina, p. 19, pl. 4, figs. 1, 1a.
- 1864. *Arca incongrua* Say, Guppy, Sci. Assoc. Trinidad, Trans., p. 41.
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- 1871. *Arca incongrua* Say, Coues, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 23, p. 133.
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- 1903. *Arca incongrua* Say, Vanatta, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 55, p. 756.
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- 1907. *Arca (Cunearca) brasiliana* Lamarck, Lamy, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 55, pp. 263-268.
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- 1916. *Arca brasiliana* Lamarck, Sheldon, Palaeontographica Americana, vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 59-60, pl. 14, fig. 8.
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- 1937. *Arca incongrua* Say, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 27, pl. 3, fig. 2.
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- 1954. *Anadara (Cunearca) brasiliana* (Lamarck), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 346, pl. 27y.
- 1961. *Anadara brasiliana* (Lamarck), Moore, Gulf Research Repts., vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 15, 36.
- 1961. *Anadara (Cunearca) brasiliana* (Lamarck), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 160, pl. 30n.

The Recent Venezuelan shell is inflated, moderately large and thin, rhomboidal in outline, the right valve always appearing a little distorted. Anterior end rounded, the posterior end oblique, and truncate to subtruncate. The ventral margin of the right valve is gently rounded to subtruncate whereas that of the left valve often has a gentle subangular curve at or a little aft of the middle, this part of the inferior edge always thinner and extending a little beyond the margin of the right valve. Posterior ridge high, subangulate. Umbos elevated, regularly convex, the beaks facing each other at the center of the cardinal area. Cardinal area lozenge-shaped, bounded by a deep groove, sloping down from under the beak toward the hinge and a little concave, generally marked, beneath the thin ligamental tegument, by numerous horizontal lineations which may be crossed by closely spaced vertical ones. The hinge line proper is straight, the hinge itself slightly arcuate and somewhat wider distally than along the narrow middle. Below the beak, the lower edge of the hinge is bowed down slightly at about the middle. Teeth 34 to 38, generally, but not always, with a few more of them occurring posteriorly than anteriorly. Inner border with broad flat slightly raised corrugations, each corrugation lying below the interspace of



the external ribs. Pallial line distinct, the line a little embayed anterior to the middle. Externally, the right valve has a feeble radial depression extending from the anterior side of the umbo to the ventral margin anterior to the middle. This depression is not present on the right valve. Sculpture consisting of about 30 radial ribs of which there are 10 on the posterior dorsal area. Left valve with all ribs wider than the interspaces which are narrow on the central area of the disk. Crossing the ribs of the left valve are regularly spaced beads, elongated in the concentric direction below, the beading or crenation most prominent anteriorly and becoming obsolescent toward the posterior ridge. On the posterior rostration the crenation is relatively weak above, obsolescent below. On the right valve, the ribs are smooth and narrower than the interspaces between the radial depression and the posterior ridge, the ribs of the anterior and posterior ends, however, wider than the interspaces, the anterior ones strongly beaded or crenate, the posterior ones weakly crenate as the hinge is approached. On an occasional right valve there is one interstitial rib on the disk in the depressed area in front of the middle. Color creamy white on the surface, white within. Periostracum thin, light brown.

*Dimensions*.—Left valve (A373b), length 39 mm.; height 32 mm.; thickness 14 mm. Right valve (A373a), length 35 mm.; height 29 mm.; thickness 12.2 mm. Average specimen, length 26.5 mm.; height 23.5 mm.; thickness (both valves) 22 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Thirty-three specimens including twenty-five left valves and eight right. Recent, on beach east of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One specimen, a right valve.

*Remarks*.—The distinguishing characters of *A. brasiliiana* are the thin valves, the even thinner ventral margin behind the middle of the left valve, the narrowness of the ribs on the disk of the right valve contrasted with the wider ones of the left valve, the basal overhang of the posterior ventral margin of the left valve, and the feeble radial depression in front of the middle of the right valve.

Dall (1889, p. p. 635) was the first to call attention to the closeness of *A. incongrua* (Say) to *A. brasiliiana* (Lamarck), and present-day conchologists consider them the same. As pointed out

by Abbott (1954, p. 346), the Pleistocene to Recent *A. chemnitzii* (Philippi) (1851, vol. 8, p. 50), living from Texas, U.S.A., to Brazil, is similar to *A. brasiliensis* but is smaller, and the beaks are slightly forward of the center of the cardinal area. *A. willardausteni* Maury (1917, p. 343, pl. 29, figs. 6-7) from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic has more ribs than *A. brasiliensis*, and on the right valve there are two faint radial depressions, one in front of the middle and the other behind.

*Range and distribution.*—Recent—North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. Pleistocene—In wells, Texas and Louisiana; South Carolina; Colombia; Venezuela; in bed of Rio Cear  -Mirim, 10 kilometers northwest of Extremoz, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. Upper Miocene—Galveston well (2433-2920 feet), Texas.

**Anadara (Cunearca) chemnitzii (Philippi)**

Pl. 23, figs. 2-5

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1907. *Arca Chemnitzii* Philippi, Lamy, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 55, pp. 272-274.
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1936. *Arca chemnitzii* Philippi, McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 1, p. 39.
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1945. *Arca chemnitzii* Philippi, van Bentham Jutting, Geolog.-Mijnbouwk. Genootschap Nederland en Kolonien, Geol. ser., vol. 14, p. 77.
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Shell of medium size, inflated, slightly inequivalve, interior rhomboidal, exterior of disk triangular. Anterior end gently rounded, posterior end oblique and truncate, ventral margin gently rounded anteriorly, subtruncate posteriorly. Posterior ridge high, somewhat rounded. Beaks high, swollen, slightly forward of the center of the cardinal area. Cardinal area lozenge-shaped, bounded by a deep narrow groove, marked, beneath the thin ligamental tegument, by fine horizontal and vertical lineations. Hinge line straight, the hinge itself narrow throughout its length although a trifle wider near the ends where it is also curved a little downward. Total number of teeth 36 to 46 depending on the size of the shell, with generally a few more of them posteriorly than anteriorly, the "middle" of the hinge sometimes exhibited as a small, irregular edentulous depression. The larger teeth at the ends of the hinge are often scored by fine vertical grooves. Inner margin corrugated by broad flat denticles each denticle lying under the corresponding intercostal groove of the exterior, the external ribs reflected through to the interior of the valve. Surface sculptured by 28 radial ribs, those of the left valve beaded more or less uniformly on the whole of the exterior, the beading of the right valve tending to become obsolescent posteriorly from the middle of the disk to the last 3 or 4 ribs on the posterior rostration. On both valves near the base the ribs are a little wider than the flat interspaces. Color whitish. Periostracum dark brown, closely lamellar on the posterior rostration, spinose in the grooves of the anterior half, the soft spines pointing upward.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen A659a, right valve, length 20 mm.; height 18.6 mm.; thickness 8.4 mm. Specimen A659b, left valve, length 19 mm.; height 18.7 mm.; thickness 8 mm. Specimen A659c, right valve, length 22.9 mm.; height 22.5 mm.; thickness 10 mm.

*Locality.*—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Four specimens including two left valves and two right.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *A. chemnitzii* (Philippi) ranges from Texas to Brazil. As a fossil it has been reported from the Pleistocene of Cuba and the Island of Margarita, Venezuela. Van Bentham Jutting listed the species from the Quaternary at Punta Gorda, Venezuela, but the fossiliferous sediments at this locality are probably pre-Pleistocene in age.

**Anadara (Cunearca) cumanensis (Dall)**

Pl. 7, figs. 1-6

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- 1898. *Scapharca (Cunearca) cumanensis* Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 633-634.
- 1916. *Scapharca (Cunearca) cumanensis* Dall, Sheldon, Palaeontographica Americana, vol. 1, No. 1, p. 61.
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- 1920. *Arca (Cunearca) cf. cumanensis* (Dall), McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 3, pt. 1, pp. 11-12.
- 1925. *Scapharca (Cunearca) cumanensis* Dall, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 222-223.

The Cabo Blanco shell referred to *A. cumanensis* is of medium size, inflated, squarish rhomboidal, slightly inequivalve, the ventral margin of the left valve extending a little beyond the margin of the right valve. Anterior end rounded, the basal and posterior margins truncate, the latter oblique. Posterior ridge high, somewhat rounded. Beaks elevated, full, a little anterior to the center of the cardinal area. Cardinal area moderately broad, generally concave, lozenge-shaped, bounded by a deep narrow groove, marked by fine horizontal striae which are crossed by vertical lineations, occasionally engraved with wavy to lunate resillial grooves, the latter discon-



tinuous. Hinge line straight, the hinge itself curved downward somewhat at the ends. Teeth 25 to 37 in all, with a range of 12 to 15 anterior ones and 13 to 30 posterior ones. There are a few more posterior teeth than anterior ones, and on well-preserved specimens most of the teeth are scored by fine closely spaced transverse grooves. Inner margin of valves corrugated into broad flat denticles, each denticle lying under the corresponding intercostal groove of the exterior. Surface sculptured by 28 squarish radial ribs, the ribs of the left valve more or less uniformly beaded or crenate on the whole of the valve, the beading of the right valve obsolescent on the posterior half of the disk. At the base, the radial ribs of the left valve are a little wider than the interspaces, whereas on the right valve the ribs are about the same width or a trifle narrower than the interspaces. On the right valve also a feeble interstitial thread may be present in the intercostal areas but none has been observed on the left valve. Fine concentric striae and lamellae overrun the surface, the latter more pronounced toward the base. On young specimens the ends of the ribs may be tubular.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen R374a, right valve, length 28.5 mm.; height 27.5 mm.; thickness 12.4 mm. Specimen R374b, left valve, length 27.5 mm.; height 26 mm.; thickness 11.3 mm. Largest specimen (I377a), right valve, length 35.6 mm.; height 37.6 mm.; thickness 18 mm.

*Localities*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two specimens, one of each valve. Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Six specimens including four left valves, one right valve, and one doublet. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twelve specimens including eight left valves and four right valves. Lower Mare formation in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Eight specimens including six left valves and two right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. Two broken specimens. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26 in Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Six specimens including three left valves and three right

valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One worn specimen.

*Remarks.*—*A. cumanensis* (Dall) is closely related to the Pleistocene to Recent *A. chemnitzii* (Philippi) but is distinguished from that by its broader hinge and fewer teeth. Both *A. chemnitzii* and *A. cumanensis* may be discriminated from the upper Miocene to Recent *A. brasiliensis* (Lamarck) in being more tumid and in lacking the faint radial depression on the exterior.

*Range and distribution.*—*A. cumanensis* (Dall) has been previously recorded from Cumaná, Venezuela (Pliocene ?), and from an island in Lago Henriquillo, Dominican Republic (middle Miocene ?).

**Anadara (Cunearca) species indeterminate**

Pl. 7, figs. 7, 8

The cast, which is composed of a highly calcareous shelly sandstone, indicates that the shell is of medium size, inflated, and sub-rhomboidal, with an elevated and subrounded posterior ridge. The beaks are high and a little forward. The cardinal area is moderately broad, somewhat concave, and lanceolate. The hinge line is straight. A faint imprint on the anterior lower half of the left valve suggests that there is an interstitial riblet between the principal radial ribs.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen M370a, left valve, length 25.5 mm.; height 25 mm.; thickness 10.5 mm.

*Locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southwest of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. One specimen, the cast of a left valve.

*Remarks.*—This form, which is included for the sake of completeness, might be *A. cumanensis* (Dall) or a species of similar ilk.

**GLYCYMERIDAE**

**Glycymeris (Glycymeris) undata (Linnaeus)**

Pl. 7, figs. 9-12

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Shell small, solid, suborbicular, moderately inflated. Beaks fairly high, subcentral. Dorsal margin on either side of beak straight. Cardinal area narrow, subtriangular. Hinge evenly arcuate, provided with 15 to 17 minutely striate teeth, with one more tooth on what is taken to be the anterior series than on the posterior series. The inner teeth are bent a little whereas the outer ones are stubbier, shorter, and obliquely directed. Inner margin crenulate, the crenulations extending well above the ends of the hinge plate. The crenulations on the lateral margins are in the form of short, single, oblique denticles, but starting at about the middle of the valve and continuing around the base the denticles are very narrowly bifid, with the points directed downward. There are in all about 64 crenulations on

specimens some 10 millimeters or so in diameter. Muscle scars bordered by a ridgelet which converges toward the umbo but plays out beneath the base of the hinge plate. Surface sculptured by faintly beaded or crenate radial riblets which are crossed by numerous, exceedingly fine concentric striae. On the umbo the radial riblets are single and stand out rather sharply, and across the upper part of the valve there are about 22 of them. Below the umbonal area interstitial riblets appear, and both those and the primary radials flatten out and become bipartite at the base. The interspaces are minutely and regularly punctate, the punctations probably representing points of attachment of the periostracum.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen S484a, right ? valve, length 10.8 mm.; height 10.6 mm.; thickness 3.5 mm. Specimen I484a, right ? valve, length 9.7 mm.; height 9 mm.; thickness 3.2 mm. Specimen J482a, right ? valve, length 6.5 mm.; height 6.3 mm.; thickness 2 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right ? valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right ? valve. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right ? valve.

*Remarks.*—The three Venezuelan fossil specimens are young and are similar to the immature shell of *G. americana* (DeFrance) illustrated by Gardner (1943, pp. 27-28, pl. 1, figs. 18, 19) from the Pliocene at Neils Eddy Landing on the Cape Fear River of North Carolina. Although the Recent *G. americana* has been reported as far south as Brazil. Nicol (1953, pp. 451-455) indicated that the southern limit of *G. americana s. s.*, either living or fossil, is Florida. The adult *G. americana* is said to be much flatter than the adult *G. undata*, but the young are much alike. Tentatively this fossil is referred to *G. undata* as that is known to extend to the tropics.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *G. undata* (Linnaeus) ranges from North Carolina to the West Indies at depths generally above 65 fathoms. As a fossil it occurs in the Pleistocene of Florida, St. Kitts, and St. Eustatius, and it has been reported as far back as the Miocene by Dall (1889, p. 42).



**Glycymeris (Tucetona) pectinata** (Gmelin)Pl. 7, figs. 13, 14;  
Pl. 8, figs. 1-4

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The Venezuelan fossils referred to *G. pectinata* are of medium size, subequivalve, equilateral to inequilateral, a little inflated, sub-trigonal to suborbicular in outline. Typically, the posterior margin is obliquely truncate to slightly concave above, the ventral margin well rounded, and the anterior end gently rounded to subtruncate. Some specimens, however, are equilateral and orbicular. Beaks moderately high and central. Cardinal area fairly narrow, triangular, grooved with two to five resilial carets which are more or less parallel with the sides of the area. Hinge line straight, lying atop and truncating the inner teeth of the hinge. Hinge plate subangularly arched. Hinge teeth 19 to 24 in number, with usually one more on the anterior series than on the posterior, the ones near the beak chevron-shaped to bent, the distal ones oblique, all of them transversely and minutely striate. Internal ventral margin crenulate, the crenulations paired and corresponding to the spaces between the external radial ribs. Muscle scars pronounced, the posterior one a little larger and slightly lower than the anterior, the inner border of the scars bounded by a sharp ridgelet, the ridgelets converging toward the umbo but becoming obsolescent under the hinge plate. Exterior sculptured by 22 to 27 fanlike radial ribs, the ribs squarish



or somewhat rounded or occasionally subtriangular, crossed by concentric striae and lamellae. At the basal margin the ribs may be wider than or about the same width as the intercoastal areas.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen G481a, left valve, length 24.6 mm.; height 24.5 mm.; thickness 6.1 mm. Specimen G481b, right ? valve, length 16 mm.; height 16 mm.; thickness 4.2 mm. Specimen G481c, left ? valve, length 7.2 mm.; height 7 mm.; thickness 3 mm. Specimen H481a, left ? valve, length 25 mm.; height 26 mm.; thickness 7.1 mm. Specimen H481b, left valve, length 27.5 mm.; height 30 mm.; thickness 10 mm.

*Localities.*—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One specimen, a right valve. Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Eight specimens including four right valves and four left valves. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three specimens including two left ? valves and one right valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two specimens including one right valve and one left.

*Remarks.*—On equilateral examples of this species, as on others of this genus, it is often difficult to distinguish posterior from anterior, and even with inequilateral specimens paleontologists differ in their views of what constitutes the front and rear of a valve. In this work the posterior end of *G. pectinata* is the one which is usually truncate, which has the larger and lower muscle scar, and which often has a tooth or two less on the hinge.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *Glycymeris pectinata* (Gmelin) ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil, in 2 to 874 fathoms. In the Pleistocene it has been found in South Carolina, Louisiana (Knapp's no. 3 well at 670, 700-780 feet and New Orleans Gymnasium well at 1200 feet), Florida, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Venezuela (Paraguaná), and Barbados. In the Pliocene it has been reported from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida; in the upper Miocene from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida; and from the middle Miocene of Florida.

*Glycymeris pectinata* is a variable species both in shape and character of the ribbing, and some authors have placed *G. arata*

(Conrad) (1841, Am. Jour. Sci., vol. 41, p. 346) in synonymy with it. However, Olsson and Harbison (1953, pp. 30-31, pl. 1, figs. 6, 6a) examined and illustrated the holotype of *G. arata* and believe it should be considered a distinct species on the basis of its heavier shell, trigonal outline, and widely spaced ribs. According to their information, the typical *G. arata* seems to be restricted to the Miocene.

**Glycymeris (Glycymerella) decussata (Linnaeus)**

Pl. 8, figs. 5-10;

Pl. 9, figs. 1, 2

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- 1961. *Glycymeris decussata* (Linnaeus), Warmks and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 160, pl. 31b.

Shell fairly large, moderately inflated, broadly elliptical to sub-orbicular. Anterior and ventral margins rounded, the posterior end subangulate, the upper half obliquely truncate, the lower very gently rounded to subtruncate. Umbos low, the beaks sharp, nearly touching, opisthogyrate, located at about the posterior fourth of the cardinal area. Cardinal rudely lozenge-shaped, sunken, bounded on either side by a sulcus which widens hingeward, the posterior sulcus a little more pronounced than the anterior. On some specimens there is a hump on the cardinal area under the beak, and on well-preserved examples there are about three asymmetrically angulate ligamental grooves, the anterior ones the longer. Hinge line short and nearly straight, lying atop and truncating the proximal anterior teeth. The hinge itself is usually gently and subangularly arched, but on two large right valves the smooth thickened basal margin of the hinge is nearly straight. Depending more or less on the size of the shell there are 18 to 29 teeth in all, of which there are 2 to 5 more on the anterior side than on the posterior. The proximal four to seven teeth of the anterior series are nearly vertical, and due to their truncation by the hinge line are relatively short, the distal ones heavier and a little curved. The posterior teeth nearest the beak are larger than the anterior and are chevron-shaped, the angulation becoming less pronounced, but the thickness of the teeth

greater at the end of the hinge. All of the teeth are scored with fine closely spaced transverse grooves, the grooves a little sharper on the left face of each tooth as viewed with the umbos up. Inner margin of valve denticulate, the denticles small and pustular opposite the ends of the hinge, but bifid and progressively longer toward the middle of the base, the apex of the bifid denticles closed and pointing downward. Anterior muscle scar longer than the posterior, both of them bounded by a slightly raised ridgelet, the ridgelets converging toward the umbo but playing out beneath the base of the hinge plate. Surface sculptured by broad, gently rounded, hardly raised, evenly spaced radial ribs, which, with the spaces between them, are engraved by fine evenly spaced radial grooves of which there may be as many as nine from trough to trough at the basal margin. On the anterior and posterior ends of the valve the primary ribs as such disappear and are replaced by closely spaced radial cords or threads. The radials are impressed by exceedingly fine and numerous slanting striae which impart a delicate, minutely crenate, latticed pattern. In addition, the surface is crossed by fine concentric striae which show to better advantage in the intercostal troughs when those are corroded. On the exterior, the Recent shell has a whitish ground with subradial markings, and with splotches of chestnut on the umbo; the interior is white except under the hinge where it is clouded with chestnut.

*Dimensions.*—Recent specimen A480a, right valve, length 19.5 mm.; height 17 mm.; thickness 5.2 mm. Fossil specimen I480a, left valve, length 34 mm.; height 30 mm.; thickness 16 mm. Fossil specimen I490b, left valve, length 18 mm.; height 16.7 mm.; thickness 5.5 mm. Fossil specimen I480c, right valve, length 18 mm.; height 16.8 mm.; thickness 5.4 mm. Fossil specimen I483a, immature right valve, length 7 mm.; height 5.9 mm.; thickness 1.9 mm. Largest fossil specimen J480a, right valve, length 58.0 mm.; height 57.8 mm.; thickness 21 mm. Fossil specimen T480a, right valve, length 33.4 mm.; height 30 mm.; thickness 11.5 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One specimen, a right valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Four specimens including three right valves and one left



valve. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Seven specimens, all of them left valves. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Thirty-one specimens including sixteen right valves and fifteen left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twenty-three specimens including thirteen left valves and ten right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Fifty-five specimens including thirty right valves and twenty-five left valves.

*Remarks.*—Lorié was the first to record this species from the Cabo Blanco area ("Muschelbank Cabo Blanco"), and so far as I can determine the fossils are indeed identical with the Recent *G. decussata*. The posterior position of the beak serves to differentiate *G. decussata* (Linnaeus) from the Pleistocene to Recent *G. undata* (Linnaeus) on which the beak is at about the middle of the ligamental area. The Recent *G. spectralis* Nicol (1952, pp. 266-257, figs. 1, 2) which ranges from North Carolina to Costa Rica has narrower and more prominent radial ribs than *G. decussata*. The middle Miocene *G. jamaicensis* Dall (1898, p. 608) (see Woodring, 1925, pp. 24-25, pl. 2, figs. 1-3) is similar to both *G. decussata* and *G. undata*, differing from *G. decussata* by its medial beak, and from *G. undata* by having "stronger radial ribs on the upper half of the shell" (Woodring).

*Range and distribution.*—The living *Glycymeris decussata* (Linnaeus) ranges from southeast Florida to northern South America. In the Pleistocene it occurs in Barbados, St. Kitts, and St. Eustatius. In the Pliocene it occurs at Matura, Trinidad, and near Cumaná, Venezuela. In the upper Miocene ? it is reported from La Belle, Florida, and in the middle Miocene from Costa Rica and Trinidad.

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The young Venezuelan shell referred to this species is small, broadly falcate, the ventral margin a little concave, the dorsal margin subangularly rounded. Byssal gape small, situated well in front of the middle. Dorsum asymmetrically humped, the hump starting at the umbo and extending arcuately to the sharp curve at the posterior basal end of the valve. Ventral slope steep, dorsal and posterior slopes gentle. Beaks low, terminal. Umbonal end with three to five fairly long irregular teeth plus several small ones at the curve with the anteroventral margin. Ligamental groove rather shallow but fairly wide, the lower edge of the groove sharp. Behind the ligament, the internal margin is finely crenulate, the crenulations continuing around the margin to the corner of the byssal gape. Interior slightly nacreous, the color white with large areas of violet-brown. Exterior sculptured by rather coarse but finely beaded radiating ribs and numerous microscopic concentric striae. Additionally, there are widely spaced concentric rifts representing hiatuses in growth. The color of the surface is predominantly light brown with areas of dark brown and, near the basal posterior margin, brownish black.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A556a1-2, attached valves, length 9.7 mm.; max. width 6 mm.; thickness of doublet 5.1 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One young specimen, collected with valves attached.

*Range and distribution*.—Recent—Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to northern South America. In temperate regions *B. recurvus* is often

found associated with oysters in waters of low salinity; in southern waters it often inhabits mangrove flats. Pleistocene—Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida, Louisiana (in well samples). Pliocene—North Carolina, Florida. Upper Miocene—Virginia.

**Modiolus americanus** Leach

Pl. 9, figs. 3-6

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Shell moderately large, thin, subtrapezoidal, somewhat elongated, the posterodorsal side alate, the dorsum proper well inflated along the middle. Anterior end attenuate, acutely rounded, with a rather broad somewhat reflected margin, the posterior end relatively wide and evenly rounded, the ventral margin embayed and gently gaping a little in front of the middle. Extending from the anterior side of the umbo to the base there is an angulate depression terminating at the back of the byssal gape. Beak oblique, situated a little distance back from the anterior tip of the valve, virtually touching the reflected anterodorsal margin. Interior iridescent, violet under the umbo, but with wide concentric bands of pale green toward the rear. Exterior marked with faint concentric laminae, the color a burnt red or brown on the sides, the dorsum a deep rose with a number of unequal radial stripes of deep violet and purple. Periostracum straw-colored, disposed as a scaly integument around the margins back of the byssal gape, the integument developing into relatively sparse but long hairs which are matted every which way, and frequently with fine grains of sand enmeshed in them.

*Dimensions*.—Figured specimen (A555al-2), length 41 mm.; max. width 21 mm.; thickness of doublet 18 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One doublet and one left valve.

*Remarks*.—Although the generic name *Volsella* of Scopoli (1777, *Introductio ad Historiam Naturalem*) has priority, The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature ruled, in Opinion 325 issued 7 January 1955, to conserve the later but better-known name of

*Modiolus* Lamarck (1799, Soc. Hist. nat. Paris Mém., p. 87).

*Modiolus tulipus* Lamarck, often referred to as *M. tulipus* (Linnaeus), is the same as *M. americanus* Leach, the latter having been named in 1815, the former in 1819.

*M. americanus* is often difficult to distinguish, particularly in the young, from *M. modiolus* (Linnaeus), a northern species originally described from the Mediterranean, and identified in the Western Atlantic from the Arctic to northern Florida, in the Eastern Pacific from the Arctic to perhaps Monterey, California, and in the Western Pacific in Japan. Generally *M. modiolus* is separated from *M. americanus* by its heavier shell and thicker, black-brown periostracum.

*Range and distribution.*—In the Western Atlantic *Modiolus americanus* Leach lives in shallow water from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. In Brazil the species has been found on the beach at Ilha Grande, in the intestine of a sea cucumber, and in the stomach of a sea slug (Haas). Soot-Ryen (1955, p. 68) stated that he was unable to separate certain Eastern Pacific specimens from others collected at Clearwater, Florida, and suggested tentatively that the range of *M. americanus* off the west coast of the Americas may be from Baja California to Ecuador.

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Shell small, thin, subtranslucent, elongate-rhomboidal, somewhat narrowed anteriorly, broader and produced posteriorly, moderately inflated. Posterodorsal margin nearly horizontal, posterior end obtusely angular, ventral margin obliquely truncated, the anterior end and the anterodorsal margin rounded and evenly continuous. Disk with a low broad rounded posterior ridge, a fairly wide posterior end, and a hardly discernible medial depression along the base of which the margin is slightly embayed. Umbonal area full and high, the beak somewhat appressed on top, directed forward, situated near the anterior end. Externally the posterior third of the valve and the narrower anterior submargin are sculptured by radiating, faintly crenated riblets, the riblets wanting on the middle area where only the fine faint concentric growth wrinkles appear. Interior glossy, the scars not distinguishable, the radial riblets of the exterior reflected through. Inner edge crenate except at the posterodorsal margin and middle of the ventral margin. Extending in a narrow stripe or band from the umbo to the ventral margin, the shell substance of the interior is whitened.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen I514a, left valve, length 2.1 mm.; height 1.5 mm.

*Locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve.

*Range and distribution*.—The living *M. lateralis* ranges from Maine to northern South America in the Western Atlantic to depths of 30 fathoms. In the Pleistocene the species occurs in South Carolina and Florida, and in the Pliocene it has been reported from Florida. As pointed out by Dall, *M. translucida* (Gabb) from the Pliocene of Costa Rica is a similar species and may well be the same as *M. lateralis* (Say).

***Crenella divaricata* (d'Orbigny)**

Pl. 9, figs. 9-12

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Shell small, thin, inflated, obliquely subelliptical to suborbicular. Umbonal region high, the prodissoconch usually well preserved, acute, pure white, smooth, and sharply defined from the disk. Ligament narrow, sunken, tapering and descending posteriorly. In front of the ligament the hinge process is short, thick, and fairly broad, and is provided with three to four teeth of which there is one more on the left valve than on the right. Behind the ligament and partially over-riding it, the hinge, or margin of the valve, is a little thickened, narrowly lenticular, bearing about 11 short straight denticles of which the farther ones are the more pronounced. The entire inner margin of the valve is finely and regularly crenulate, the crenulations continuing without interruption from the hinge. Interior of valve coated with a calcareous wash which is often dissolved away revealing the external radii through the translucency. Under the wash the shell substance is faintly iridescent. Exterior sculptured by 70 to 80 delicate radial ribs which divaricate a little along a medial line from the beak toward the base. On each side of the disk there is a slightly more prominent curved rib, and from that the ribs on the anterior and posterior ends of the valve are sharply divaricate. Also traversing the surface are fine concentric threads which stand out more sharply in the intercostal areas and form a decussate pattern, especially on the umbos.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen R487a, right valve, length 3.1 mm.; width 2.7 mm.; thickness 0.75 mm. Specimen R487b, left valve, length 2.9 mm.; width 2.4 mm.; thickness 0.7 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas, about 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Eleven specimens including eight

left valves and three right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two specimens including one left valve and one right. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One left valve.

*Remarks.*—Specimens from West America are considered by a number of authorities to be the same as *C. divaricata* which was originally described by D'Orbigny from Cuba. Soot-Ryen would place the west American *C. inflata* Carpenter (1864, An. Mag. Nat. Hist., ser. 3, vol. 13, p. 313) and the Pliocene *C. ecuadoriana* Pilsbry and Olsson (1941, pp. 55-56, pl. 18, figs. 2, 3) from the Canoa formation of Ecuador in synonymy with *C. divaricata*, but compared with the Venezuelan fossils herein referred to *C. divaricata*, the Ecuadorian shell is more coarsely sculptured and has a broader ligament. The northern race of *C. divaricata* is the Pleistocene to Recent *C. decussata* (Montagu) (1808, p. 69), and *C. decussata* has been reported from the Eastern Atlantic, the Western Atlantic (from Greenland to North Carolina), and the Eastern Pacific (from Bering Sea to Baja California, Mexico). *C. decussata* is more coarsely ribbed than *C. divaricata*, but the toothed hingelike process behind the ligament is much less conspicuous than on *C. divaricata*. The middle Miocene form referred to as *C. divaricata* by Gabb (1873, p. 252) and Maury (1917, pp. 358-359, pl. 26, fig. 18) from the Dominican Republic is *C. diuturna* Pilsbry and Johnson (1917, p. 195; Pilsbry, 1921, p. 414, text fig. 37). East American fossils close to *C. divaricata* are *C. duplinensis* Dall (1898, p. 804, pl. 35, fig. 6) from the upper Miocene of North Carolina, *C. duplinensis waltoniana* Mansfield (1932, p. 71, pl. 9, figs. 5-7) from the late Miocene in Walton County, Florida, and *C. armstrongi* Gardner (1936, pp. 13-14, pl. 1, figs. 5-6) from the middle Miocene in Folk's Creek, Florida. *C. duplinensis* differs from *C. divaricata* "by its feebler sculpture, somewhat smaller shell, and especially by its much weaker hinge, with less conspicuous and strong crenulations. The line of divarication of the sculpture is also more anterior and the beaks more recurved" (Dall). *C. duplinensis waltoniana* has a heavier shell than



both *C. duplinensis* and *C. divaricata*. *C. armstrongi* is sturdier and coarser than *C. divaricata*. Except perhaps for its slightly narrower ligament, the Venezuelan fossil seems identical to the living Western Atlantic *C. divaricata*.

*Range and distribution.*—In the Western Atlantic, *C. divaricata* ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, occurring in shallow water to 100 fathoms. In the Eastern Pacific it is reported from Southern California to Peru in 2-250 fathoms. The fossil *C. divaricata* is reported in the Pleistocene of San Clemente Island, California; in the Pliocene of Florida, Costa Rica, and Trinidad; and in the upper Miocene of Trinidad.

***Lioberus ? marensis*, new species**

Pl. 9, figs. 13, 14

Shell small, moderately thick, modioliform, a little inflated, gently and obliquely humped from the umbo toward the base. Hinge smooth, the hinge plate robust, the anterior end of the plate recurved upward forming a thick septum or lamella rising above and rolled a little over the beak. The ligamental groove aft of the septum is wide and fairly shallow, and in the groove there is a narrow ridgelet which splays off from the back edge of the septum, the ridgelet lying near the lower margin of the ligamental groove and extending along it to near the middle, after which the ridgelet becomes obsolescent. Interior of valve vaguely iridescent, marked with a number of feeble narrow corrugations emerging from under the umbo. The posterior adductor impression is large, oval-oblong in outline, weakly striate. The anterior adductor scar is small, whitish, subtriangular. Exterior smooth but marked with faint concentric growth lines, the lines appearing as fine threads on the back side of the septum at the beak.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (I511a), left valve, the margins and part of the hinge broken away, length 5 mm.; width across umbo 3 mm.; thickness 1.3 mm.

*Type locality.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One broken specimen, the holotype.

*Remarks.*—I have seen no other species with such a pronounced

shield development of the hinge plate, and it may eventuate that even the genus is new. The Recent *Lioberus castaneus* (Say) (Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., 1st ser., vol. 2, p. 266) which ranges from Florida to the West Indies is thinner than the Venezuelan shell and the anterior margin of the hinge plate is not produced upward as a shield. The Recent Eastern Pacific *L. salvadoricus* (Hertlein and Strong) (1946, p. 73, pl. 1, figs. 7, 11) which ranges from Sonora, Mexico, to Costa Rica in 2-16 fathoms, also lacks the umbonal shield of the Venezuelan fossil.

### ISOGNOMONIDAE

#### *Isognomon alatus* (Gmelin)

Pl. 10, figs. 1, 2

- 1791. *Ostrea alata* Gmelin, Syst. Nat., ed. 13, vol. 1, pt. 6, No. 129, p. 3339. Chemnitz, Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet, vol. 7, pl. 59, fig. 581.
- 1864. *Melina alata* (Gmelin), Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 132.
- 1878. *Isognomum alatum* (Gmelin), Mörch, West-Indian Marine Shells, p. 16.
- 1878. *Isognomon alatum* (Gmelin), Arango y Molina, Contribución a la Fauna Malacológica Cubana, p. 269.
- 1901. *Melina alata* (Gmelin), Dall and Simpson, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 462.
- 1934. *Pedalion alata* (Gmelin), Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 23.
- 1935. *Perna alata* (Gmelin), Richards, Jour. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 3, p. 256.
- 1936. *Isognoma alata* (Gmelin), McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 1, p. 40.
- 1936. *Isognoma alata* (Gmelin), Clench and McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 3, p. 162.
- 1936. *Pedalion alata* (Gmelin), McLean, Nautilus, vol. 49, No. 4, p. 117.
- 1937. *Pedalion alata* (Gmelin), Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 31, pl. 5, fig. 4.
- 1938. *Perna alata* (Gmelin), Richards, Geol. Soc. Amer. Bull., vol. 49, pt. 2, p. 1291.
- 1940. *Pteria alata* (Gmelin), Smith, World-wide Sea Shells, p. 92, fig. 1267.
- 1942. *Perna alata* (Gmelin), Jaume and Pérez Farfante, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 16, No. 1, p. 38.
- 1951. *Isognomon alata* (Gmelin), McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 22, pl. 4, fig. 3.
- 1954. *Isognomon alata* (Gmelin), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 358, pl. 35b.
- 1958. *Isognomon alata* (Gmelin), Moore, Nautilus, vol. 71, No. 4, p. 128.
- 1958. *Isognomon alatus* (Gmelin), Olsson and McGinty, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 39, No. 177, p. 19.
- 1958. *Isognomon alatus* (Gmelin), Abbott, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 11, p. 115.
- 1959. *Isognomon alatus* (Gmelin), Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, p. 4.
- 1961. *Isognomon alatus* (Gmelin), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 165, pl. 32c.



The young Venezuelan shell referred to this species is flattish and suboval, with a low posterior wing forming an angle of about 121 degrees, and a well-rounded ventral margin. The byssal gape near the beak is rather pronounced, and the border of the gape on the left valve is thickened and lamellate. Hinge with 10 oblong sockets decreasing in size more or less progressively to the posterior end. Interior nacreous, with blotches of dull brown, dull purple and drab gray. Body cavity line about a third of the distance in from the basal margin. Exterior smoothish, but built up of appressed lamellae. The color of the exterior is brown to blackish brown, with several rays of dark brown diverging from the umbo.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B560a, left valve, height 40 mm.; max. width 37.8 mm.; thickness 3 mm.

*Locality*.—Beach, southeast of Higuero, State of Miranda. One specimen, a left valve.

*Range and distribution*.—The Recent *I. alatus* ranges from south Florida to northern South America and is said to be edible. In the Pleistocene it has been recorded from Florida and Cuba.

## PINNIDAE

### *Pinna* aff. *carnea* Gmelin

Pl. 10, fig. 3

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- 1807. *Pinna degenera* Link, Beschreibung der Naturalien-Sammlung der Universität zu Rostock. Refers to Chemnitz 1785, vol. 8, pl. 87, fig. 769.
- 1819. *Pinna flabellum* Lamarck, An. sans Vert., vol. 6, p. 130.
- 1836. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Deshayes, An. sans Vert., ed. 2, vol. 7, p. 61.
- 1864. *Pinna degenera* Link, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 131 (part).
- 1889. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 36.
- 1889. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 70.
- 1898. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 661 (part).
- 1934. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, pt. 1, p. 22.
- 1936. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, McLean, Nautilus, vol. 49, No. 4, p. 117.
- 1936. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 1, p. 40.
- 1936. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Clench, McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 3, p. 162.
- 1937. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, pp. 29-30, pl. 5, fig. 1.

1939. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Bartsch and Rehder, Smithsonian Misc. Collections, vol. 98, No. 10, p. 18.  
1940. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Smith, World-wide Sea Shells, p. 93, fig. 1271.  
1950. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Dodge, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., Bull., vol. 100, art. 1, pp. 223, 224, 225.  
1954. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Abbott, American Seashells, p. 360, pl. 27w.  
1958. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Turner and Rosewater, Johnsonia, vol. 3, No. 38, pp. 306-310, pl. 149; pl. 150, figs. 1-2; pls. 151, 157.  
1958. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Abbott, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 11, p. 116.  
1959. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, p. 5.  
1961. *Pinna carnea* Gmelin, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 166, pl. 34i.

Shell large, fairly thick, narrowly wedge-shaped, rather regularly enlarging, the dorsal margin nearly straight, the side of the front half of the valve angulate along the middle. The surface is worn away but the impressions on nacreous slivers indicate that the dorsal slope of the anterior half of the valves is sculptured by about four low radiating slightly wavy ribs; the number of ribs on the ventral slope cannot be discerned clearly though there seem to be about the same number as on the dorsal slope.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen G359a (broken away at the ends and base), length 145 mm.

*Localities*.—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One specimen, the valves attached, and with an internal filling of calcareous silt. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One specimen representing a portion of the anterior end; the valves are attached and filled with fine-grained calcareous sandstone.

*Remarks*.—Although it is not possible to identify the Cabo Blanco fossils authoritatively, they show an affinity to the Recent Western Atlantic *P. carnea* Gmelin.

*Range and distribution*.—*Pinna carena* Gmelin ranges from Florida to northern South America. As a fossil it occurs in the Pleistocene of Florida, and if it can be assumed that east American species referred to *P. rudis* Linnaeus are in truth *P. carnea* Gmelin, then *P. carnea* probably occurs also in the Pliocene of Costa Rica (see Gabb, 1881, p. 378). The Mare formation of Venezuela referred to above is probably Pliocene in age and the Abisinia formation Pleistocene.



*Comparisons.*—There are two other medially angulate fossil Pinnas from the Caribbean region and they are *Pinna refurca* Woodring (1925, pp. 56-57, pl. 6, fig. 8) from the middle Miocene Bowden formation of Jamaica and *Pinna vaughani* Cooke (1919, pp. 127-128, pl. 9, figs. 4a, b) from the lower Miocene Anguilla formation of Anguilla Island. Neither those shells nor ours are complete enough to compare definitively, but the Cabo Blanco *P. carnea* seems to lack the conspicuous internal ridge of *P. refurca*; and concerning the Anguillan *P. vaughani*, Cooke stated that it is not unlike *P. carnea* Gmelin but lacks the rudimentary riblets on the lower part of the ventral area of that species.

***Atrina (Servatrina) seminuda* (Lamarck)**

Pl. 10, fig. 4

- 1819. *Pinna semi-nuda* Lamarck, An. sans Vert., vol. 6, pt. 1, p. 131.
- 1835. *Pinna alta* Sowerby, Zool. Soc. London Proc., p. 84.
- 1843. *Pinna listeri* d'Orbigny, Voyage l'Amérique Méridionale, vol. 5, pt. 3, Mollusques, p. 641, pl. 85, fig. 1.
- 1843. *Pinna patagonia* d'Orbigny, Voyage l'Amérique Méridionale, vol. 5, pt. 3, Mollusques, p. 641, pl. 85, fig. 2.
- 1858. *Pinna alta* Sowerby, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Pinna*, pl. 6, sp. 11.
- 1858. *Pinna subviridis* Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Pinna*, pl. 17, sp. 32.
- 1858. *Pinna d'Orbignyi* Hanley, Zool. Soc. London, Proc., p. 228.
- 1858. *Pinna d'Orbignyi* 'Hanley', Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Pinna*, pl. 26, sp. 49.
- 1858. *Pinna ramulosa* Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Pinna*, pl. 28, sp. 52.
- 1871. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Coues, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 23, p. 133.
- 1881. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Gabb, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 8, p. 345.
- 1889. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 70.
- 1889. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 36.
- 1898. *Atrina rigida* (Dillwyn), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 663, 664, 665 (part). Many of the synonyms listed under *rigida* are, according to Turner and Rosewater (1958, p. 315), referable to *seminuda*.
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- 1923. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Clench, Nautilus, vol. 37, No. 2, p. 55.
- 1929. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Clench, Nautilus, vol. 43, No. 1, p. 35.
- 1932. *Pinna semi-nuda* Lamarck, Lamy, Mus. Nat. Hist. nat. Paris, Bull., sér. 2, vol. 4, p. 896.
- 1944. *Pinna listeri* d'Orbigny, Carcelles, Museo de La Plata, Rev., new ser., Zoology, vol. 3, p. 278, pl. 10, fig. 77.
- 1944. *Pinna patagonica* d'Orbigny, Carcelles, Museo de La Plata, Rev., new ser., Zoology, vol. 3, p. 278, pl. 10, fig. 78.
- 1958. *Atrina (Servatrina) seminuda* (Lamarck), Turner and Rosewater, Johnsonia, vol. 3, No. 38, pp. 315-320, pl. 150, figs. 5-6; pl. 159, figs. 5-8; pls. 160-169.

1959. *Atrina seminuda* (Lamarck), Parker, Amer. Assoc. Petrol. Geol., Bull., vol. 43, No. 9, pp. 2130, 2143, 2163, 2164, pl. 3, figs. 8a, 8b.  
1961. *Atrina (servatrina) seminuda* (Lamarck), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 166, pl. 34k.  
1961. *Atrina seminuda* (Lamarck), Moore, Gulf Research Repts., vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 15, 38.

Venezuelan shell thin and translucent, wedge-shaped, the dorsal margin hardly concave, the posterior margin truncate and forming a near right angle with the dorsal margin, the curve of the posterior margin with that of the ventral margin angularly rounded. The nacreous wash in the interior extends about two-thirds the length of the shell, the margin of the wash visible through the exterior. The posterior adductor impression is oval in outline and lies within the nacreous wash. Surface somewhat glistening, tan in color with areas of pale purplish brown and an occasional streak of iridescent green. Surface sculptured by 16 radiating ribs on the dorsal posterior slope, every alternate rib much the larger, the ribs scaly to spinose, the spines occurring as arched lamellae open to the rear. The ventral slope lacks the radiating ribs except for incipient ones at the posterior but is instead subpustular in front to scabrous and then scaly behind, the passage from one end to the other transitional.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B358a, length (anterior tip broken away) 78.5 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One young specimen, the valves attached.

*Remarks*.—*Atrina (Servatrina) seminuda* Lamarck is a variable species and has been confused on the one hand with *Atrina (Atrina) rigida* (Solander) and with *Atrina (Servatrina) serrata* (Sowerby) on the other. In their excellent monograph on the Western Atlantic Pinnidae, Turner and Rosewater point out that *A. seminuda* is less inflated, has fewer ribs, and has a thicker shell than *A. serrata*; that the nacreous layer of *A. seminuda* extends only about one-half to two-thirds the length of the valve whereas that of *A. serrata* extends at least three-fourths the length of the valve; and that the posterior adductor scar of *A. seminuda* is usually smaller, proportionally, than that of *A. serrata*. In *A. rigida* the muscle scar protrudes well beyond the posterior margin of the nacreous area or



is continuous with the margin. In *A. seminuda* the muscle scar always lies well within the nacreous area. Also *A. rigida* has a heavier, darker colored shell than *A. seminuda*, and is usually more spinose than *A. seminuda*, particularly on the ventral slope.

*Range and distribution.*—In the Western Atlantic *A. seminuda* (Lamarck) ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Argentina. I do not know of its occurrence in the Pleistocene, but since *A. rigida* is reported from deposits of that epoch I would expect *A. seminuda* to extend at least that far back. Gabb (1881, p. 345) reported *A. seminuda* from Sapote, Costa Rica, in a brown shale of purported Miocene age.

***Atrina* (*Servatrina* ?) aff. *seminuda* (Lamarck)**

Pl. 10, fig. 5

Internal mold large, wedge-shaped, the dorsal margin slightly concave, the ventral margin embayed anteriorly, fairly straight posteriorly. There are no impressions on the left valve but on the right valve there are impressions of coarse radiating ribs particularly on the posterior ventral slope.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen M360a, mold of paired valves broken off anteriorly and posteriorly, length 137 mm.; max. width 87 mm.; thickness of doublet 43 mm.

*Locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. One specimen, an internal mold of closed valves.

*Remarks.*—It is not possible to identify this species surely, but it seems to be close to *A. seminuda* (Lamarck).

***Atrina* (*Servatrina*) *serrata* ? (Sowerby)**

Pl. 10, figs. 6-9

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1825. *Pinna serrata* Sowerby, A Catalogue of the Shells contained in the Collection of the late Earl of Tankerville, London, p. 23, appendix, p. v.  
1841. *Pinna serrata* Sowerby, Reeve, Conchologica Systematica, vol. 1, pl. 103.  
1849. *Pinna squamosissima* Philippi, [in] Roemer, Texas, Bonn, p. 454.  
1849. *Pinna squamosissima* Philippi, Zeitschr. f. Malakozool., yr. 5, p. 164.  
1858. *Pinna squamosissima* Philippi, Hanley, Zool. Soc. London, Proc., p. 226.  
1858. *Pinna seminuda* Lamarck, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Pinna*, pl. 2, sp. 2. Not of Lamarck 1819.  
1859. *Pinna serrata* Sowerby, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Pinna*, pl. 34, fig. 65.

1860. *Pinna muricata* 'Linnaeus', Holmes, Post-Pleiocene Fossils of South Carolina, p. 15, pl. 3, fig. 3. Not of Linnaeus 1758.
1864. *Pinna muricata* Linnaeus, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, pp. 130-131 (part). Not of Linnaeus 1758.
1898. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 664-665.
1903. *Atrina serrata* Solander, (Sowerby), Vanatta, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 55, p. 756.
1906. *Pinna (Atrina) serrata* Sowerby, Böse, Inst. Geol. México, Bol. 22, p. 74, pl. 9, figs. 1-2.
1920. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, pp. 54-55 (part).
1934. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 22.
1937. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 30, pl. 5, fig. 3.
1940. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Stenzel, Nautilus, vol. 54, No. 1, p. 21.
1944. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Hackney, Nautilus, vol. 58, No. 2, p. 57.
1952. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Pulley, Texas Jour. Sci., vol. 4, No. 2, p. 180, pl. 7, fig. 5.
1954. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 360, pl. 27v.
1955. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Perry and Schwengel, Marine Shells of the Western Coast of Florida, p. 40, pl. 3, fig. 16.
1958. *Atrina (Servatrina) serrata* (Sowerby), Turner and Rosewater, Johnsonia, vol. 3, No. 38, pp. 320-323, pls. 170-171.
1961. *Atrina (Servatrina) serrata* (Sowerby), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 167.
1961. *Atrina serrata* (Sowerby), Moore, Gulf Research Repts., vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 15, 38.

The Venezuelan fossils, referred with diffidence to *A. serrata*, are young, thin-shelled, and moderately inflated anteriorly. The dorsal margin is straight and, as seen on the right valve of one specimen, saw-toothed. The surface is sculptured by low radiating riblets on each of which are somewhat elevated arched lamellae open toward the rear, the vaulted arches arranged in a regular concentric pattern.

*Dimensions*.—Incomplete specimen (L361), length 54.5 mm. Anterior end of broken specimen (L361b), length 40.5 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) about 220 meters west of W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, in calcareous siltstone. Three specimens, all with valves attached.

*Remarks*.—The fragments are scarcely sufficient for definitive determination, but the resemblance to *A. serrata* is marked.

*Range and distribution*.—*Atrina (Servatrina) serrata* (Sowerby) is a shallow-water species ranging, in the Western Atlantic, from North Carolina, U.S.A., to northern South America. In the Pleisto-



cene it occurs in South Carolina, U.S.A. In the Pliocene it was reported by Dall (1898). And in the lower Pliocene it was recorded by Böse (1906) from Santa María Tatetla, in the State of Vera Cruz, Mexico.

### PLICATULIDAE

#### *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck

Pl. 10, figs. 10-13

1702. *Spondylus barbadensis* Petiver, Gazophyl. Decas III, pl. 24, fig. 12.
1781. *Ostrea spondyloidea* Meuschen, Mus. Gronovianum, No. 3, p. 276, No. 1189.
1801. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Syst. An. sans Vert., p. 132.
1819. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Hist. Nat. An. sans Vert., vol. 6, p. 184.
1822. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Sowerby, The Genera of Recent and Fossil Shells, vol. 1, No. 3, figs. 1-2.
1832. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Deshayes, Encyl. Méth., p. 801.
1836. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Deshayes, An. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 176.
1845. *Plicatula barbadensis* d'Orbigny, Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale. Mollusques, p. 669.
1847. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Sowerby, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 1, p. 435, pl. 90, figs. 1-4.
1856. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Hanley, An Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of Recent Bivalve Shells, p. 288.
1864. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 135.
1873. *Plicatula vexillata* Guppy, Sci. Assoc. Trinidad, Proc., vol. 2, p. 73; pp. 86-87, pl. 2, fig. 7.
1874. *Plicatula vexillata* Guppy, Geol. Mag., decade 2, vol. 1, p. 444, pl. 17, fig. 7.
1878. *Plicatula spondyloidea* (Meuschen), Arango y Molina, Contribución a la Fauna Malacológica Cubana, p. 271.
1878. *Plicatula spondyloidea* (Meuschen), Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 16.
1884. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Tryon, Structural and Systematic Conchology, vol. 3, p. 284, pl. 131, fig. 69.
1885. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Smith, Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, vol. 13, pp. 286-287.
1886. *Plicatula spondyloidea* (Meuschen), Dall, Mus. Comp. Zool., Bull., vol. 12, No. 6, p. 227.
1889. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 32.
1889. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 70.
1891. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Baker, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 43, p. 46.
1898. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 763.
1900. *Plicatula spondyloidea* (Meuschen), Dautzenberg, Soc. Zool. France, Mém., vol. 13, p. 222.
1901. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Dall and Simpson, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 467.
1903. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Vanatta, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 55, p. 756.

1910. *Plicatula spondyloidea* (Meuschen), Vaughan, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 133, p. 171.
1919. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck, Lamy, Mus. Nat. Hist. nat. Paris, Bull., vol. 24 (1918), p. 511.
1923. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Clench, Nautilus, vol. 37, No. 2, p. 54.
1925. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 243-244, pl. 11, figs. 4-5.
1926. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Weisbord, Nautilus, vol. 39, No. 3, p. 83.
1927. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, van Benthams Jutting, Dierk. Natura Artis. Magistra Bidjr., vol. 25, p. 24.
1933. *Plicatula ramosa* Lamarck Trechmann, Geol. Mag., vol. 70, No. 823, p. 33.
1934. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, *P. ramosa* Lamarck, *P. spondyloidea* (Meuschen), and *P. imbricata* Reeve, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 23.
1936. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 1, p. 40.
1936. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Clench and McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 3, p. 163.
1937. *Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 32, pl. 6, figs. 5a, 5b.
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The Cabo Blanco fossils referred to this species are variable in shape, thickness, and character of the ribs. The shells are of medium size, generally thick, subtrigonal to asymmetrically fan-shaped in outline, the right (lower, attached) valve deeper than the left (upper) valve. The posterior dorsal margin is usually concave to some degree, and the outer basal margin of the larger and thicker shells is built up of coalescent incremental lamellae forming a short subtruncate slope. Inner surface of valves irregular. Muscle scar prominent, rather large, broadly kidney-shaped, raised a little, the outer lateral margin of the scar situated near the edge of the body cavity, the scar surface irregularly undulatory and sometimes finely rayed on one side like a fish scale. Left valve with two pairs of slightly divergent teeth under the beak, the outer pair large and strong, sometimes rendered bipartite by a medial groove, and marked with prominent irregular striae; the inner pair of teeth is much lower and thinner but with the same angle of divergence, the lower teeth also striate, and separated from the primary ones by fairly deep straight channels. Right valve with two deep sockets to receive the primary teeth of the opposite valve, the sockets finely fluted on the distal side in consonance with striae of the nestled teeth of the left valve; the sockets are bordered inward by a strong pair of complementary teeth, and between those is a deep medial socket. Inner lateral margins provided with about seven small crenulations or denticles which may be bifid. The ventral margin is serrated within by the ends of the external ribs, and in the troughs there are several small subpustular denticles. Body cavity defined by a strong impressed groove, the groove generally well removed from the margin. The pallial line lies outside of the groove and is relatively close to the margin. Exterior sculptured by high coarse trigonal radiating ribs crossed by concentric lamellae. The ribs may divaricate near the basal margin where the total number varies from about 10 to 15. In addition there are several short irregular riblets on the dorsal margins. The primary ribs extend to the flattened area of attachment on the umbo. The concentric lamellae are fine to coarse, the coarse ones forming vaulted arches which may project a little as stubby tubular spines on the crest of the ribs.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen S433a, right valve, height 31 mm.;

max. width 27 mm.; thickness (including ribs) 13 mm. Specimen T434a, left valve, height 19.5 mm.; max. width 17.3 mm.; thickness 6 mm.

*Localities.*—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two left (upper) valves. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two specimens including one right valve and one left. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two right (lower) valves.

*Remarks.*—The living *P. gibbosa*, and commonly the late Cenozoic fossil specimens as well, are marked by irregular radiating red-brown or purplish lines on the ribs and in the intercoastal areas. None of the Cabo Blanco fossils retains any vestige of color but otherwise certain specimens are identical with Recent examples of *P. gibbosa*.

*Comparisons.*—East American species resembling *P. gibbosa* Lamarck are the Miocene *P. densata* Conrad (1843, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 1, p. 311), the middle Miocene *P. guppyi* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 78-79, pl. 9, figs. 9-11) from Jamaica, and the middle Miocene *P. gibbosa* Lamarck var. *Pilsbry* (1921, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 413) from the Dominican Republic. West American species of *Plicatula* to which the variable Cabo Blanco fossils exhibit some affinity are the upper Pliocene to Recent *P. spondyloopsis* Rochebrune (1895, Mus. Nat. Hist. nat. Paris, Bull., vol. 1, p. 242; see Hertlein and Strong, 1946, Zoologica, pt. 2, No. 5, pp. 63-64, pl. 1, figs. 1516), and the Pleistocene *P. inezana* Durham (1950, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. 43, pt. 2, pp. 68-69, pl. 13, figs. 1, 3, 6). Specimens of *P. densata* Conrad at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, although otherwise extremely close to *P. gibbosa*, do not have as prominent a muscle impression as *P. gibbosa*, and the teeth of *P. densata* are more strongly fluted than on *P. gibbosa*. According to Woodring, "*P. guppyi* is smaller than *P. gibbosa*, and has more distinctly foliaceous ribs," and according to Pilsbry, *P. gibbosa* var. (identified as *P. cristata* Lamarck by Gabb, 1873, Amer. Philos. Soc., Trans., vol. 15, p. 257) appears to be identical with *P. gibbosa*, "except that in places *fine radial striation* or crinkling may be seen



under the lens. No color markings are preserved." On *P. spondylopsis* the lateral margin of the muscle impression is farther from the edge of the body cavity groove, and the ribs are less acute than on the Cabo Blanco shells. *P. inezana* is more spinose than *P. gibbosa* and the muscle scar is oval rather than kidney-shaped.

*Range and distribution.*—Recent, North Carolina to Brazil. Pleistocene—Louisiana, Florida, St. Eustatius, Cuba, Venezuela, Barbados. Pliocene—Yucatan Peninsula (México) and Trinidad.

***Plicatula venezuelana*, new species**

Pl. 11, figs. 1-4

Shell of medium size, thin, oval-suborbicular. Hinge strong, the left valve with a pair of large outer teeth, which are rudely fluted or striate, divergent, and shallowly but broadly sulcate, and a pair of much lower teeth within the confines of the primary ones. Margin irregularly scalloped, the inner side with small, unevenly spaced pustules or denticles. Muscle impression rather large, distinct, broadly oval, a little impressed, the far lateral margin of the impression fairly close to the edge of the body cavity. Exterior of left valve flattish, undulatory, and with a shagreened texture, sculptured by a few broad low irregular radial folds and a few small radial riblets, the whole crossed by concentric lamellae. The radial folds are more prominent near the margin, and the radial riblets are faint on the umbo but sharper toward the base. The concentric lamellae become progressively coarser toward the base and sides where they are overlapping.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (S432a), left valve, height 16.7 mm.; max. width 20.3 mm.; thickness 2.6 mm. Paratype (R432a), immature right ? valve, height 1.8 mm.; max. width 1.9 mm.; thickness about 0.5 mm.

*Type locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve, the holotype.

*Other localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas, approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One immature right ? valve, the paratype.

*Comparisons.*—The new Venezuelan species is reminiscent of

the Recent Eastern Pacific *P. anomioides* Keen (1958a, pp. 241-242, pl. 31, figs. 4, 7, 8) found between Guaymas and Mazatlan, Mexico, and of the Recent *P. penicillata* Carpenter (1856, Catalogue of the Collection of Mazatlan Shells in the British Museum Collected by Frederick Reigen, p. 155) ranging from southern Mexico to Panama in the Eastern Pacific and reported by Olsson and McGinty (1958, p. 20) from the Caribbean coast of Panama. Although the Venezuelan juvenile is similar to the adult *P. anomioides*, the adult *P. venezuelana* is a little more strongly ribbed and much more coarsely lamellose than *P. anomioides*, whereas it is less strongly ribbed than *P. penicillata* and is not spinose as is *P. penicillata*.

***Plicatula caribbeana*, new species**

Pl. 11, figs. 5-8

Shell small, triangular, the anterior dorsal margin gently embayed, the posterior dorsal margin undulatory, the ventral margin a little rounded. Valves compressed, the right valve slightly convex and deeper than the left, the left valve slightly concave and a trifle smaller than the right. Prodissoconch nearly flat, suborbicular, marked with faint and fine concentric lineations, the beak appressed and blunt. Hinge strong, the left valve with a pair of large asymmetrically divergent teeth; the anterior tooth is shorter and thicker than the posterior one and is not so strongly fluted; another pair of teeth lies within the confines of the primary ones and are much lower and finer than the primaries. On the right valve the posterior socket is elongate and is strongly striate or fluted in consonance with the tooth on the opposite valve; the anterior socket is shorter, and is smooth on the distal side but striate on the near side; the chondrophore between the central teeth of the right valve is triangular and deep, with the apex of the septum rounded. Muscle impression large, distinct, oval-oblong in outline, oriented parallel with the long axis of the valve. The far lateral margin of the muscle impression is well removed from the edge of the body cavity. Inner margin of left valve shelflike, provided with small, rather irregularly spaced pustules or denticles which fit into small shallow complementary indentations on the opposite valve. Exterior of right valve smoothed down except at the umbonal area which is made up of coalesced concentric lamellae. Exterior of left valve rough, irregu-



larly humped near the umbo, sculptured by thin concentric laminae and by two or three radial ribs on the lower posterior side of the disk, the larger of the ribs tubular at the end. There are also several short feeble radial rugae on the umbonal area below the prodissoconch.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (H431a 1-2), paired valves. Height of right valve (A431a1) 8.2 mm.; max. width 7.7 mm.; thickness of doublet 2.6 mm. Height of left valve (A431a2) 7.6 mm.; max. width 7.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One specimen, found with valves attached.

*Remarks*.—The holotype of *Plicatula caribbeana*, n. sp. is probably not fully grown, but I have seen no other American species of even remotely similar stamp.

## PECTINIDAE

***Pecten (Pecten) catianus*, new species**

Pl. 11, figs. 9-13

Shell of medium size, thin, a trifle wider than high, inequivalve, nearly equilateral. Right valve moderately convex, the left valve concave, the beak of the right valve flattish, the point extending slightly beyond the hinge line. Hinge line straightish, the ventral margin of the disk well rounded, the dorsal margins slightly concave, diverging at an angle of about 94 degrees. Auricles of right valve a little unequal, the posterior ear triangular, sharply truncate at the margin which is oriented vertically or parallel with the beak-to-base axis, the anterior ear subrectangular, its margin subtruncate, gently scalloped at the edge and also parallel with the beak-to-base axis, the base of the anterior ear with a moderately prominent notch at the byssal area. Both ears are marked on the lower part by four feeble low radial folds or riblets, but on the upper part radial markings are absent; the shallow fasciolar depression between the disk margin and lowest rib of the anterior ear is somewhat wider than the corresponding shallow groove of the posterior ear; the exterior of both ears on the right valve is traversed by numerous inconspicuous concentric lineations. Internally, the right anterior ear is weakly fluted distally, the flutings corresponding with the external riblets.

The auricles of the left valve are sunken below the exterior submargins, are sculptured by two, and possibly three radial riblets, and are traversed by sharp closely spaced concentric lamellae. Interior of right valve with a deep triangular chondrophore and a cardinal crura running along the inner margin of either ear, the posterior crura a little thicker at the distal end than the anterior. A feeble arcuate cardinal ridge is present on the posterior ear, the ridge merging with the ligamental groove a short distance in from the end. Along the ventral margin of the right valve there are 21 radial bicrenulate ribs, these internal ribs separated at the base by deep elongate triangular flutings, the flutings becoming narrow shallow interspaces upward, the ribs and interspaces dying out toward the body cavity. The exterior of the right valve is sculptured by 22 radial ribs, and is crossed by strong regularly spaced concentric ridgelets. The radial ribs are squarish but gently rounded at the crest, and are separated by somewhat narrower interspaces with evenly rounded bottoms. The radial rib at either margin of the disk is rendered bipartite by a faint longitudinal groove. The concentric ridgelets are strong and rounded, and pass over the top of the ribs where they are often eroded away but where normally they are nearly as pronounced as in the interspaces; on the submargins, however, the concentric cords disappear. The character of the inner surface of the left valve is not known. The exterior of the left valve is sculptured by 20 or 21 radial ribs with slightly narrower interspaces, and by closely packed concentric cords which cross both the ribs and intercostal areas in equal strength; the concentric cords are rounded but corrode into lamellae or foliations; on the shouldered submargins of the left valve the concentric cords or lamellae become obsolescent and appear as inconspicuous lineations.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (K330a), both valves attached, height 36.2 mm.; width 36.9 mm. Paratype (K332a), right valve, height 23.3 mm.; width 33.6 mm.; thickness 7.6 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. Three specimens including one doublet



(holotype), one right valve (paratype), and one fragment of a right valve.

*Remarks.*—The distinguishing character of this species, though not brought out well on the illustration, is the unusually coarse concentric cording. These cords are continuous over the disk and are as pronounced on the ribs as in the intercostal spaces on unweathered examples.

*Comparisons.*—The new species is allied to *Janira soror* Gabb (1873, Amer. Philos. Soc., Trans., new ser., vol. 15, p. 257) (see Pilsbry, 1921, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 410, pl. 44, figs. 1-2) from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic; to *P. barretti* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 62-63, pl. 7, figs. 6-7) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica; to *P. soror urumacensis* Harris (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 49, pp. 22-23, pl. 13, fig. 1; pl. 14, figs. 3-4) from the Miocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela; and to *P. ventonensis* Cooke (1919, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 261, pp. 130-131, pl. 12, figs. 1a, b) from Cuba, in what is stated to be the Oligocene. On the left valve, the radial ribs of *P. soror* are narrower and the interspaces much wider than on *P. catianus*, n. sp., and the concentric markings, though crossing both the ribs and interspaces as they do on the Cabo Blanco left valve, are lamellar rather than cordlike. On the right valve, the auricular riblets of *P. barretti* are smaller, stronger, and more numerous than on *P. catianus*, n. sp., and the concentric markings are lamellar instead of cordlike. *P. soror urumacensis* is a closely related form, but the ears of the left valve are bent decidedly inward, and the one or two radial riblets are nearer the hinge line than on the Cabo Blanco shell; also, the right valve of *P. soror urumacensis* is much more gibbous than that of *P. catianus*. On the Cuban *P. ventonensis*, the byssal notch of the right valve is shallower than on *P. catianus*, and the concentric markings on the disk are much finer.

**Pecten (Pecten) caribeus**, new species

Pl. 12, figs. 1, 2;  
Pl. 23, figs. 6-8

The following description pertains to the right (lower, convex) valve.

Shell large, fairly thin, nearly equilateral, inflated, somewhat wider than high, the disk fan-shaped. Hinge line straight, dorsal margins concave and diverging from the beak at an angle of about 108 degrees, ventral margin semicircular. Dorsal slopes short and steep, the margin of the disk subrounded below the ears, excavated opposite the ears which are slightly sunken. Auricles a little unequal, the anterior one subtruncate at the margin and notched at the base, the posterior ear sharply squared off at the nearly vertical margin. Both ears are radiately ribbed below, obsoletely ribbed above, the anterior ear with about five subequal ribs in all, of which the lowest one adjacent to the fasciolar groove is the strongest, the others, particularly the uppermost one or two, progressively weaker; posterior ear with about four radial ribs, the upper one nearly obsolescent, the upper third of the ear smoothish. Crossing the ears are numerous sinuous concentric growth striae. The inner surface of the anterior ear is shallowly fluted in consonance with the external ribbing, and the edge is gently scalloped. Beak small, triangular, appressed, the point even with the hinge line. Chondrophore small, triangular, deep, the sides a little thickened, and merging, in a sort of dog-leg, with the low rounded cardinal crura running along the inner margin of the ears, the anterior crura more pronounced than the posterior. There is no cardinal ridge under the ligamental groove of the anterior ear but there is a faint arcuate one on the posterior ear, the ridge curving down obliquely from the distal end of the ear to join the upper part of the cardinal crura. Ctenolium with four small teeth, these disappearing or covered in adults. Exterior sculptured by a total of 23 radial ribs of which the two at either margin of the disk are paired, the outer rib of each pair the smallest of the disk, the submargins of the valve smooth. The ribs are squarish but gently rounded at the summit, generally regular, although occasionally feebly grooved medially, and separated by squarish interspaces about half the width of the ribs. Crossing the interspaces, but smoothed off on the crest of the ribs, are regularly spaced fine concentric lamellae which become crowded at the base of the disk. Internal ribs about 20, the interspaces narrow and shallow except at the ventral margin where they become deeper flutings nearly as wide as the ribs themselves; near the base, the ribs are bicrenulate, and the internal ribs converge toward, and become obsoles-



cent at the middle of the valve. The body cavity is well removed from the ventral margin, and the large, rudely orbicular muscle impression lies a little in from the byssal area.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G344a), right valve, height 43.8 mm.; width 47.9 mm.; thickness 16.5 mm. Paratype (J344b), right valve, height 30.9 mm.; width 32.9 mm.; thickness 11.1 mm. Paratype (I344c), right valve, height 27.3.; width 29.2 mm.; thickness 9.6 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One broken right valve, the holotype.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve, a paratype. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve, a paratype. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One large broken right valve.

*Comparisons*.—*P. caribeus*, n. sp. is not to be confused with the preceding *P. catianus*, n. sp.; the latter is a smaller shell than *P. caribeus*, the dorsal margins diverge considerably less, and the concentric markings are much stronger on the interspaces and ribs alike. Other allied species are *P. ventonensis* Cooke (1919, pp. 130-131, pl. 12, figs. 1a, b) from what is stated to be the Oligocene of Cuba; *P. aztecus* Böse (1906, pp. 72-73, pl. 7, figs. 3-4) from the Pliocene of Mexico; *P. soror urumacensis* Harris (1927, pp. 22-23, pl. 13, fig. 1; pl. 14, figs. 3-4) from the Miocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela; and *P. soror codercola* Harris (1927, pp. 23-24, pl. 13, fig. 3; pl. 14, figs. 1, 5; pl. 15, fig. 7) from the Miocene and Pliocene of Falcon. *P. ventonensis* has two ribs less, and they are flattened on top whereas those of *P. caribeus* are gently rounded. On *P. aztecus* the interspaces are a little narrower and the ribs a little broader than on the right valve of the Cabo Blanco shell; also, according to Böse's description, the right posterior ear of *P. aztecus* is marked only by fine concentric striae whereas there are radial riblets on both ears of *P. caribeus*. Both *P. soror urumacensis* and *P. s. codercola* have one or two more radial riblets on the auricles than does *P. caribeus*, n. sp.; furthermore, *P. s. urumacensis* is less fan-shaped

and *P. s. codercola* more fan-shaped than *P. caribeus* from Cabo Blanco.

***Pecten (Pecten) maiqueti*ensis, new species**

Pl. 12, figs. 3-6

The description of this species pertains to the left valve.

Left valve slightly concave, suborbicular, a little wider than high. Ventral margin well rounded, dorsal margins slightly concave, sharply shouldered, diverging at an angle of about 83 degrees on young specimens but up to about 107 degrees on adults. Auricles subequal, triangular, the anterior one concave in plan, the posterior nearly plane, squared off straight at the hinge line, and with subtruncate margins. Auricles sculptured by two to four radiating riblets which produce a finely scalloped or serrated effect at the lateral margins, particularly on the posterior ear, and both ears are traversed by numerous sharp sinuous concentric laminae. In the interior, the auricles are raised a little above the level of the disk, and often there is a small nodule or two near the base of the ears, particularly the anterior one. The internal ribs of the left valve are paired crenulations near the basal margin, the crenulations extending upward for but a short distance. The flutings between the ribs at the base proper are deeper than the sulcus dividing the ribs themselves. Muscle scar rather large, more or less orbicular. Chondrophore triangular, the ligamental groove adjacent to the hinge line extremely narrow and rather deep, the area immediately below the groove marked with numerous vermiform striae. Outer surface of disk sculptured by 18 to 20 strong squarish radial ribs separated by interspaces with gently rounded troughs, the interspaces a trifle narrower to a trifle wider than the ribs. The ribs and interspaces are crossed by numerous fine regular concentric laminae and lamellae, the laminae more or less erect on the upper half of the valve but flattening down into lamellae and becoming closer toward the base; the laminae and lamellae, though minutely ragged, run straight across the ribs and interspaces without sinuosity, and are sharper in the interspaces than over the ribs; on the submargins, which are relatively narrow, the concentric lineations are faint and crowded.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (T329a), left valve, height 34.3 mm.; width 38.2 mm. Paratype (J329a), left valve, height 22.1 mm.;



width 22.4 mm. Largest specimen, height 46 mm.; width 52 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two left valves, including the holotype.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three left valves, including the paratype. Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two fragmentary left valves.

*Comparisons*.—The left valve of *P. maiquetiensis*, n. sp. resembles the left valve of *P. bowdenensis* Dall (see Woodring, 1925, p. 63, pl. 7, figs. 8-9) and *P. barretti* Woodring (1925, p. 62, pl. 7, figs. 6-7), both of which are from the middle Miocene Bowden formation of Jamaica. The principal difference between the Cabo Blanco shell and *P. bowdenensis* is that the intercostals of *P. bowdenensis* are usually slightly raised whereas those of *P. maiquetiensis* are not. On *P. barretti* the auricles have stronger radial riblets than *P. maiquetiensis*. On the left valve of *P. soror* (Gabb) (see Pilsbry, 1921, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 410, pl. 44, figs. 1-2) from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic there are 17 external ribs and those are rounder, and the interspaces wider, than on *P. maiquetiensis*. Also the left anterior ear on the type of *P. soror* does not bear the strong radial riblets of the Venezuelan species. Perhaps the nearest relative of *P. maiquetiensis* is *P. soror urumacensis* Harris (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 49, p. 22, pl. 13, fig. 1; pl. 14, figs. 3-4) from the Miocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela, but on the left valve of the Falcon shell both ears are more concave, and the external ribs of the disk more rounded than on the Cabo Blanco shell. The Recent Western Atlantic *P. chazaliei* Dautzenberg (see Grau, 1955, Nautilus, vol. 68, No. 4, pp. 113-115), first collected by the yacht Chazalie in 1896 at Los Testigos Island, Venezuela, and which ranges from Florida to Brazil in 10 to 75 fathoms, is a smaller, more fragile shell than the fossil *P. maiquetiensis*, and on the left valve the interspaces of *P. chazaliei* are much wider. *P. chazaliei* was formerly known as *P. tereinus* Dall (1925, Nautilus, vol. 38, No. 4, p. 115).

*Remarks.*—It is not precluded that *P. maiquetiensis*, n. sp. is, in truth, the left valve of *P. caribeus*, n. sp. (represented by the right valve only), but as neither *P. maiquetiensis* nor *P. caribeus* were found with both valves attached, it seems advisable to consider them distinct for the present.

**Pecten (Pecten) species**

Pl. 12, figs. 7, 8

The following description pertains to the left valve only.

Left valve large and moderately thick, flattish except for the raised and broad rounded shoulders at the lateral margins of the exterior. Dorsal slopes steep and broad, the dorsal margins diverging somewhat concavely at what seems to be a little over 90 degrees, the ventral margin of the valve shallowly rounded. Auricles deeply sunken and unusually long, the posterior one measuring 19 mm. vertically from the hinge line to the point of union with the margin, compared with 53 mm. for the beak-to-base height of the valve. Fine concentric laminae may be discerned on the ears, but because of adherent calcareous sandstone the character of the radial ribs, if present, cannot be determined. The external sculpture of the disk consists of radial ribs, estimated at 18 in number, and fine concentric laminae. The ribs are high, relatively narrow, and squarish with a gently rounded summit, and the anterior marginal rib is rendered bipartite by a strong longitudinal groove. The intercostal areas are a little wider than the ribs, and are flat-bottomed. The concentric laminae are regularly spaced to about the middle of the disk but crowded basalward, and though they cross both the interspaces and the ribs they are smoothed off on the ribs at the base; on the submargins the concentric markings are fine, closely spaced, and relatively inconspicuous. Within, the left valve is flattish, but the top of the hinge is bent somewhat toward the exterior. The area of the valve below the chondrophore is irregularly pitted in an arc extending from the posterior side of the chondrophore across the middle of the inner margin of the ear, and within the area encircled by the pits there are several small pustules. The internal ribs are flat and broad, with deep narrower flutings between them at the basal margin; the flutings, as well as the ribs themselves, become obsolescent before reaching the body cavity.



*Dimensions.*—Specimen 0330a, posterior half of left valve, height 53 mm. Specimen K330b, lower posterior quarter of left valve, height 35 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One specimen, the posterior half of a left valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. One anterior fragment of a left valve.

*Remarks.*—Although it resembles both, this is neither the left valve of *P. catianus*, n. sp. nor of *P. maiquetiensis*, n. sp. It lacks the coarse concentric cords of *P. catianus*, and has higher, more rounded shoulders on the submargins than *P. maiquetiensis*. It is not possible, however, to determine unequivocally whether this is or is not the left valve of *P. caribeus*, n. sp., but as the right valve of *P. caribeus* has a thinner shell and comes from a lower formation, the conjecture is that the present form may be distinct from that. Furthermore, the specimens are too fragmentary to compare definitively with other known species.

***Pecten (Pecten ?) remulus*, new species**

Pl. 12, figs. 9, 10

The following description is based on one immature left valve.

Shell small, paper-thin, subtranslucent, subsquarish in outline, nearly equilateral, flat except for slightly elevated sides, the dorsal margins diverging at an angle of about 99 degrees, the ventral margin shallowly rounded. Hinge line long and straight. Beak small, rather full, about level with the hinge line, the umbo appressed. Auricles large, a little unequal, depressed slightly below the submargins but merging smoothly with them. Anterior ear a little larger than the posterior, slightly embayed at the base, the margin hardly convex; posterior ear triangular, the margin seemingly subtruncate. Both ears are gently concave and smooth except for fine inconspicuous concentric lineations. Lower half of disk sculptured by 19 nearly obsolete low broad radial ribs which are reflected as mirror counterparts in the interior; visible concentric markings are wanting, and the submargins are smooth. Within the valve, the ligamental groove is straight and exceedingly narrow. The chondro-

phore is shallow, and the base of the hinge plate below it is arcuate. The body cavity, as represented by a whitish calcareous veneer on the surface, is elongate oval.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (S345a), left valve, height 8 mm., width 8.3 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline; one left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—The left valve of the new species resembles, in miniature, *Pecten* (*Pecten*) *refugioensis* Hertlein (1925, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 14, No. 1, p. 7, pl. 5, fig. 9) from the upper Miocene or Pliocene at Rancho Refugio, north of San José del Cabo, Baja California, México. The principal difference is that the Mexican shell, other than its much larger size, has a semi-circular basal margin.

***Pecten* (*Euvola*) *ziczag caboblancoensis* Druckerman, n. sp. Pl. 13, figs. 1-6**

The following description is based on two type specimens (with both valves attached on each) sent to me by Daniel Druckerman through the courtesy of the Museum of Paleontology, University of California, and on a number of single valves, both right and left, contained in my own collection from Cabo Blanco. The types were collected by J. A. Tong, L. W. Henry, and J. Nomland, and donated to the Museum of Paleontology at the University of California in 1931. The original description of the subspecies was made by Druckerman in his thesis which deals with the Tertiary history of the true *Pecten*s in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific.

Shell fairly large, a little wider than high, inequivalve, nearly equilateral, with an evenly rounded, nearly semicircular ventral margin, and concave dorsal margins which diverge on the adult holotype at an angle of about 116 degrees. Right valve thin, evenly inflated. Auricles of right valve a little unequal, both of them normally straight at the hinge line with perhaps a slight declivity toward the beak, the anterior ear separated from the disk by a fairly deep impressed groove; adjacent to this groove, and parallel with it, the right anterior ear is narrowly convex although the larger



part of the ear above the swelling is shallowly concave. The right anterior ear is gracefully notched above the ctenolium, and the lateral margin above the notch is a little arcuate; the right posterior ear is triangular, hardly concave in plan, and has a slightly arcuate to subtruncate margin. The outer surface of both ears is smooth and completely wanting in markings except for fine obsolete concentric lineations which are sinuous on the anterior ear and parallel with the margin on the posterior ear. Within, there is a strong rounded ridge or crura extending from the beak to a little below the byssal area along the base of the anterior ear, and it is inferred that a similar but slightly smaller ridge is present along the base of the posterior ear. The chondrophore is of medium size, triangular, and moderately deep. Ligamental groove narrow, the ligamental area on both valves bearing numerous fine vertical slightly wavy striae. The exterior of the right valve is sculptured by 19 to 23 low flat radial ribs with fine shallowly impressed grooves between them. From about the middle of the valve to the base, most of the ribs are divided by a fine groove along the middle, and occasionally there are two such grooves, close together and feebly impressed, along the middle on a lateral rib or two. The submargins are smooth as are the ribs, although with a lens the ribs are seen to be traversed by numerous microscopic concentric lineations. The interior of the right valve is shallowly fluted, the flutings becoming obsolescent upward toward the beak; between the flutings, the internal ribs are narrowly bipartite, with the pairing effect more pronounced at the basal margin.

Left valve moderately thin but solid, orbicular, nearly equilateral, slightly concave, the dorsal margins diverging at an angle of 111 to 117 degrees, the angle of divergence becoming greater, apparently, with size. Auricles subequal, sunken below the submargins of the disk, straight at the hinge line, the margins subtruncate, the anterior ear strongly concave, the posterior scarcely concave to nearly plane. The ears are marked with about four flat low tenuous ribs which render the margins somewhat serrate or scalloped, and are crossed by numerous sharp concentric laminae, the laminae sinuous where they cross the few subdued radial ribs on the outer surface of the ears. Exterior of disk sculptured by 30 to 33 wide low radial ribs alternating more or less regularly in size,

with the smaller ones a trifle lower than the larger, the ribs obsolescent or wanting on the sides or submargins of the valve. Crossing the disk are rather closely spaced regular raised concentric laminae which traverse both the ribs and interspaces with little or no deviation. Internally, the left valve has a moderately deep triangular chondrophore bordered on both sides by a thickening which curves outward and then upward to join the ligamental groove near the extremities. Ligamental groove sharp and narrow, but widening gradually toward the distal ends. Ears with a faint crura along the lower margin. The internal ribs of the disk tend to be paired at the ventral margin, and extend upward toward the beak, there becoming obsolescent.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (Museum of Paleontology, University of California), height 73 mm.; width 80 mm.; thickness of convex valve 23 mm. Topotype (K324a), broken right valve, height 38 mm.; thickness 12 mm. Topotype (U324a), right valve somewhat compressed, height 67 mm.; width 60 mm.; thickness 25 mm. Hypotype (H327a), left valve, height 37.6 mm.; width 37.6 mm. Hypotype (I327a), young left valve, height 26.2 mm.; width 26.2 mm.

*Type locality.*—The precise locality in the Cabo Blanco area of Druckerman's holotype is not known, although judging from the type of granular limestone filling the valves, I would infer that it was found in the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation near the coast road north of the village of Playa Grande.

*Other Cabo Blanco localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. Two fragmentary right valves (including topotype K324a), and one fragment of a left valve (K328a). Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road about 220 meters west of W-15. One juvenile left valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of coast road at east end of Catia La Mar. One right valve, topotype U324a. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve, the identification of which



is doubtful. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two left valves, one of them the hypotype H327a. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two left valves, one of them (I327a), a hypotype.

*Comporisans.*—*P. z. caboblancoensis* Druckerman is related to the Pleistocene and Recent *P. ziczac* of Linnaeus (1758, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, p. 696) and may be an ancestor. It is readily discriminated from *P. ziczac* s. s., however, in its lack of radial ribs on the auricles of the right valve, and in having more regular alternating larger and smaller ribs separated by fairly wide interspaces, on the left valve. The right valve of *P. z. caboblancoensis* is also similar to the right valve of *P. bowdenensis* Dall (1898, p. 713, pl. 29, fig. 1) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica and Colombia, but as shown in the illustrations of *P. bowdenensis* by Woodring (1925, pp. 63-64, pl. 7, figs. 8-9), the hinge of the Jamaican shell is more downwarped toward the beak than it is on *P. z. caboblancoensis*, and the swelling on the anterior ear is narrow and near the margin of the disk on *P. z. caboblancoensis* whereas it is broad and more centrally situated on the ear of *P. bowdenensis*. The ribbing on the left valves of these two forms is dissimilar.

*Remarks.*—I wish to express my appreciation to Daniel Druckerman for the loan of the holotype of *P. z. caboblancoensis*, as in my collection from Cabo Blanco I have no specimens with both valves attached.

***Pecten (Amusium) papyraceus* (Gabb)**

Pl. 13, figs. 7-9;  
Pl. 14, fig. 1

- 1873. *Pleuronectia papyracea* Gabb, Amer. Philos. Soc., Trans., new ser., vol. 15, p. 257.
- 1881. *Pleuronectia papyracea* Gabb, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 8, p. 347.
- 1889. *Pecten (Amusium) Mortoni* Say, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 34. Not *P. mortoni* Ravenel 1844.
- 1898. *Pecten (Amusium) papyraceus* (Gabb), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 757.
- 1903. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1586.
- 1917. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, No. 29, p. 354, pl. 26, fig. 22.
- 1920. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Maury, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 3, pt. 1, p. 21.

- 1920. *Amusium papyraceum*, (Gabb), Hubbard, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 3, pt. 2, p. 96.
- 1920. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 61.
- 1921. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Pilsbry, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 413, pl. 43, figs. 8-9.
- 1925. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 241-242.
- 1925. *Amusium (Amusium) papyraceum* (Gabb), Woodring, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 73-74, pl. 9, figs. 1-2.
- 1926. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Gardner, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-A, p. 50.
- 1934. *Pecten (Amusium) papyraceus* (Gabb), Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 26.
- 1951. *Amusium papyraceum* (Gabb), Rehder and Abbott, Soc. Malac. "Carlos de La Torre" Rev., vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 55-56.
- 1954. *Pecten (Amusium) papyraceus* (Gabb), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 362.

Shell fairly large, thin, discoidal, suborbicular, subequilateral, and somewhat inequivalve, with the ventral margin of the left valve extending slightly beyond that of the right valve. Left valve compressed, the disk gently sinuous, the umbonal area flat, the middle area below the umbo hardly convex, the side areas a trifle depressed. The right valve is slightly convex overall except for the dorso-lateral areas which are flattish; the anterior flattening of greater extent than the posterior. Beaks smooth, small, triangular, projecting a little above the hinge line. Dorsal margins slightly concave on left valve, decidedly concave on right, the divergence on an adult specimen measured near the beak, about 122 degrees on the right valve and about 128 on the left; the divergence on a young right valve 19 mm. in height is 116 degrees. Auricles subequal, the anterior ones a little the larger. Auricles of adult left valve sculptured by a few low radiating riblets crossed by subdued sinuous concentric growth lines, the margins of the ears scalloped, the hinge line straight. On immature shells, the auricles of the left valve may not be radially ribbed. The auricles of the right valve are different than their counterparts of the opposite valve: there are no radial riblets, the lateral margins are not scalloped, and the hinge line is distinctly concave; the margin of the right posterior ear is gently and evenly rounded, whereas that of the right anterior ear is gracefully incurved below; both ears of the right valve are smoothish but are traversed by very faint curved concentric growth lines. Chondrophore tri-



angular, moderately deep, narrowly ridged along the sides. Ligamental grooves narrow. Left valve with a single cardinal crura or ridge running along the inner margin of the auricles, each crura terminating distally in a small denticle. Internally the valves bear about 24 sets of fine radiating ribs, arranged for the most part in pairs, the ribs extending from the margins to about the middle of the disk where they become obsolescent. The surface of the valves is smooth and polished although there is often revealed faintly through the shell the radial pattern of the internal ribs; usually too, there are fine, concentric, subequally spaced, concentric lineations.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen L326a, paired valves. Left valve (margins frayed away), height 71 mm.; width 76 mm. Right valve of L326a, height 69 mm.; width 77 mm.; thickness of pair 14 mm. Specimen L326b, left valve, height 47 mm.; thickness 5 mm.

*Cabo Blanco localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road about 220 meters west of W-15. Six specimens including one doublet, two right valves, two left valves, and one fragment. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. Six specimens including one doublet, one broken right valve, and four fragments. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road at W-15, about 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Four specimens including one young left valve, and three fragments.

*Remarks.*—A left valve from the Dominican Republic was illustrated by Maury in 1917; the flat, or right valve of Gabb's type from the Dominican Republic was illustrated by Pilsbry in 1921. Allowing for minor variations such as the slightly more concave hinge line and the somewhat stronger radial riblets on the ears of the left valve of the Venezuelan shell, the Cabo Blanco fossil compares closely with the type specimen of *P. (A) papyraceus*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Pecten (Amusium) papyraceus* (Gabb) is said to range from Oligocene to Recent. The Oligocene *P. papyraceus* is reported from the San Sebastian shale of Puerto Rico. In Trinidad the species occurs in the lower-middle Miocene Manzanilla formation. In the middle Miocene it is found in the

Dominican Republic and Jamaica. From the Pliocene ? near Cumaná, Venezuela, a form nearly identical with the Cabo Blanco *P. papyraceus* is contained in Collection No. 18408 at the U. S. National Museum. The living shell inhabits the Antilles up to a reported maximum depth of 60 fathoms.

*Comparisons.*—Late Cenozoic species of the subgenus *Amusium* in the eastern Americas which resemble *P. (A.) papyraceus* are the following:

*Pecten mortoni* Ravenel (1844, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 2, p. 96). Late Miocene and Pliocene from Maryland to Florida, U. S. A. This is a circular, rather than suborbicular shell, with ears nearly level with the plane of the disk, and with several fewer internal ribs than *P. papyraceus*. *P. mortoni* has also been reported from the Miocene and Pliocene of Mexico by Böse (1906, Inst. Geol. Mexico, Bol. No. 22, p. 24, pl. 1, figs. 3, 6, 7, 9; p. 74, pl. 8, figs. 1-2; pl. 9, fig. 3); from the Miocene and Pliocene of Venezuela by F. Hodson, H. K. Hodson, and Harris (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 39, p. 38); from the middle Miocene of Colombia by Anderson (1929, California Acad. Soc., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 18, No. 4, p. 155); and from the middle Miocene of the Panamá Canal Zone by Toulà (1908, K.-K. Geol. Reichs. Jahrb., vol. 58, p. 714, pl. 26, figs. 8-9). Although the Caribbean fossils are closely akin to the *P. mortoni* of Ravenel, there is still some reservation among authors of their specific identity.

*Pecten (Amusium) precursor* Dall (1898, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 755). Middle Miocene (Chipola formation), of Florida. Closely related to *P. mortoni* Ravenel and differing from *P. papyraceus* in the greater convexity of the left valve and in the radial striae on the beak and submargins.

*Amusium mauryi* Hubbard (1920, N. Y. Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 3, pt. 2, p. 96). Oligocene of Puerto Rico. This is a small shell, much more solid than *P. papyraceus* (which has also been reported from the Oligocene of Puerto Rico), and probably with no, or very obscure internal ribs.

*Pecten (Amusium) antiguensis* Brown (1913, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 65, pp. 613-614, pl. 18, figs. 1-3, 5). Lower



Miocene of Antigua. Exterior sculptured by fine concentric laminae and about 13 radial ribs running from the beaks, where they are pronounced. The exterior of *P. papyraceus* is smooth.

*Pleuronectia lyoni* Gabb (1881, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 8, p. 347). Lower Miocene of Costa Rica and Anguilla, and middle Miocene of Panamá Canal Zone. The internal ribs are single and not arranged in pairs as they are in *P. papyraceus*.

*Amusium bocasensis* Olsson (1922, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 39, p. 378, pl. 17, figs. 3-4). Middle Miocene of Costa Rica. "Interior of shell with about thirty-four lirae, which are usually nearly evenly spaced and not in pairs". The Venezuelan examples of *P. papyraceus* have about 24 paired ribs within.

*Pecten (Amusium) sol* Brown and Pilsbry (1912, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 64, p. 513, pl. 24,<sup>17</sup> figs. 1-2). Middle Miocene of the Panamá Canal Zone. The beaks on this species have strong radial sculpture; on *P. papyraceus* the beaks are smooth.

*Pecten (Amusium) luna* Brown and Pilsbry (1912, p. 514, pl. 23\*, fig. 1). Middle Miocene of the Panamá Canal Zone, of Colombia (Weisbord, 1929, pp. 245-246, pl. 3, fig. 1), of Venezuela (F. Hodson, H. K. Hodson, and Harris, 1927, pp. 37-38), and of Costa Rica (Olsson, 1922, pp. 377-378, pl. 17, fig. 1). Olsson placed *P. mortoni* from the Miocene of Mexico in synonymy with *P. luna*. The right valve of *P. luna* is much like that of *P. papyraceus* from Cabo Blanco save in the character of the ears: on *P. luna* the ear margins are raggedly subtruncate, whereas on the Cabo Blanco *P. papyraceus* they are gently and evenly curved. Also the right valve of *P. luna* is more convex. For a supplemental description of *P. luna* from the Gatun Locks of the Panamá Canal see Pilsbry, 1931 (Acad. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 83, pp. 434-435, pl. 4, fig. 1).

*Pecten (Amusium) toulae* Brown and Pilsbry (1911, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 63, pp. 365-366, pl. 28, fig. 7). Middle Miocene, Panamá Canal Zone. "The surface is marked with narrow, sharply defined rays on a white ground, the rays less than half as wide as the intervals, subequal in the median part, much

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<sup>17</sup>Plates 23 and 24 are numbered erroneously; pl. 23 should read pl. 24, and pl. 24 should read pl. 23.

narrower at the sides, where they gradually fade out, and about 17 in number". The interior of the valves is smooth.

*Pecten* (*Amusium*) *aguaclarensis* F. and H. Hodson (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 49, pp. 36-37, pl. 18, fig. 1; pl. 21 figs. 1-2). Oligocene-Miocene in the States of Falcon and Lara, Venezuela. This species has 10-12 paired internal ribs compared with 22-24 on *P. papyraceus*.

*Pecten* (*Amusium*) *zamorensis* F. and H. Hodson (1927, pp. 38-39, pl. 22, figs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6). Pliocene, District of Zamora, State of Falcon, Venezuela. The umbos are radially striate, and internally the disk "carries about 14 pairs of internal lirae". On *P. papyraceus* the umbos are smooth, and there are 22-24 pairs of internal ribs.

*Amusium* *rex-maris* Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 242-243, pl. 15, fig. 1). Upper Miocene (Springvale formation), Trinidad. Distinguished from *P. papyraceus* by the greater obliquity of the valves and fewer internal ribs.

***Pecten* (*Amusium*) *marensis*, new species**

Pl. 14, figs. 2, 3

The following description pertains to the left valve. Shell small, thin, subtranslucent, orbicular, a little higher than wide, sub-equilateral. Ventral margin nearly semicircular, the dorsal margins diverging at an angle of about 109 degrees. Auricles subequal, both ears depressed slightly below the plane of the disk, the anterior one more so than the posterior; lateral margin of anterior ear subtruncate, that of the posterior hardly curved, both ears marked with barely visible concentric lineations. Hinge line straight. Along the inner margin of the posterior ear there is a fairly sharp ridge or crura, but the inner margin of the anterior ear is poorly defined. Disk flattish, with a faint radial depression on either side, the posterior depression slightly more pronounced. Chondrophore triangular, relatively shallow. Internally there are about 20 subequal to unequal sets of feeble radiating lirae or ribs, arranged generally in pairs, extending from the margins to the upper part of the disk where they become obsolescent. The exterior of the valve is smooth but marked with faint concentric lineations, and through the shell there are revealed faintly the internal lirae.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G326a), left valve, height 19 mm.;



width 18.1 mm.; thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (J326a), left valve, height 13 mm.; width 12.5 mm.; thickness 0.7 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One young left valve, the holotype.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One juvenile left valve, the paratype.

*Comparisons*.—Of the various species of *Amusium* mentioned in the immediately preceding pages the ones nearest *P. marensis*, n. sp. are *P. papyraceus* (Gabb), *P. mortoni* Ravenel, and *P. luna* Brown and Pilsbry. In the Cabo Blanco collection is a left valve of *P. papyraceus* from the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation which is just about the same size as *P. marensis*, n. sp. from the Mare formation, and though they appear much the same the following differences may be noted: *P. papyraceus* is a little wider than high, *P. marensis* a little higher than wide; the divergence of the dorsal margins is 115 degrees on the Catia *P. papyraceus*, 109 degrees on the Mare *P. marensis*; the Catia *P. papyraceus* has the thicker shell, a few more internal lirae than *P. marensis*, and the cardinal crurae are broader. *P. mortoni* is a circular shell, and unlike those of *P. marensis* which are somewhat sunken, the auricles are separated from the disk by a faintly impressed groove. In *P. luna*, according to Olsson (1922, p. 377), the internal ribs are in pairs and spaced at intervals nearly twice the width of the pairs of ribs themselves, whereas in *P. marensis* the subequally spaced rib-pairs and interspaces are about equal in width.

***Chlamys (Chlamys) ornata* (Lamarck)**

Pl. 14, figs. 4-7

1819. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, An. sans Vert., vol. 6, p. 176. Encycl. Méth., pl. 214, fig. 5, 1797.  
1853. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, d'Orbigny, [in] La Sagra, Hist. Phys., polit. et nat. l'Île de Cuba, vol. 2, Mollusques, pp. 353-354.  
1853. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 19, sp. 68.  
1864. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 134.  
1878. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 16.  
1878. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Arango y Molina, Contribución a la Fauna Malacológica Cubana, p. 270.  
1886. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Dall, Mus. Comp. Zool., Bull., vol. 12, No. 6, p. 218.  
1889. *Pecten (Pecten) ornatus* Lamarck, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 137, p. 34.

1889. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 70.
1891. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Baker, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 43, p. 46.
1897. *Chlamys ornata* (Lamarck), Verrill, Connecticut Acad. Arts and Sci., Trans., vol. 10, art. 2, pp. 59, 91.
1898. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, 4, pp. 715-716, 743-744.
1901. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Dall and Simpson, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pp. 465-466.
1920. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 59.
1924. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Emery, Nautilus, vol. 38, No. 2, p. 61.
1925. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Dall, Nautilus, vol. 38, No. 4, p. 118.
1926. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Weisbord, Nautilus, vol. 39, No. 3, p. 83.
1933. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Trechmann, Geol. Mag., vol. 70, No. 823, p. 33.
1934. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 24.
1936. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Clench and McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 3, p. 163.
1937. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 33, pl. 8, fig. 4.
1944. *Pecten ornatus* Lamarck, Patterson, Nautilus, vol. 58, No. 2, p. 38.
1946. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Jaume, Soc. Malac. "Carlos de La Torre", Rev., vol. 4, No. 3, p. 99.
1949. *Pecten (Chlamys) ornatus* Lamarck, Lange de Morretes, Mus. Paranaense, Arq., vol. 7, art. 1, p. 14.
1951. *Chlamys (Chlamys) ornata* (Lamarck), McLean, N. Y. Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 29, pl. 5, fig. 6.
1954. *Chlamys ornatus* (Lamarck), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 363, pl. 34b.
1958. *Chlamys ornata* (Lamarck), Abbott, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 11, p. 116.
1959. *Chlamys ornata* (Lamarck), Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, p. 5.
1961. *Chlamys ornata* (Lamarck), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 108, pl. 33a.

The Venezuelan Recent shell is thin, slightly inflated, somewhat oblique, a little higher than wide, inequilateral, nearly equivalve. Anterior and posterior auricles unequal, the posterior ones hardly developed, the left anterior triangular, with the lateral margin subtruncate and slightly oblique, the right anterior subrectangular, embayed somewhat at the byssal area. The auricles are sculptured by coarse diverse radial riblets and scabrous concentric lamellae, and below the right anterior ear there are about seven sharp pectinidial teeth. The inner surface of the right anterior ear is gently fluted, that of the slightly thicker left anterior ear smoothish, the latter finely scalloped by the projecting riblets along the lateral margin. Chondrophore small, triangular, moderately deep. Interior



of valves corrugated in consonance with the external ribs from base to beak, the basal margin crenulate. Exterior of disk sculptured by up to 20 high rounded radiating ribs. On the left valve three or five of the major ribs seem a little more prominent than the others, and between the ribs there are one or two secondary riblets; crossing the left valve are numerous fine concentric laminae which are smoothed away on the crest of the major ribs on the upper part of the disk but are sharp in the interspaces; also crossing the left valve are relatively widely spaced concentric scales which occur on the major and minor radial ribs on the lower half of the disk. On the right valve the radials are compounded of two, three, or four ribs of unequal size, and the scales and imbrications are stronger than on the left valve. Interior white, with the maculations of the exterior showing through on young or half-grown specimens. Exterior cream-yellow, with large maculations of maroon.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A325a, right valve, height 16.5 mm.; width 14.4 mm.; thickness 2.1 mm. Specimen A325b, left valve, height 16.3 mm.; width 14.1 mm.; thickness 2.2 mm. Largest specimen, left valve, height 29.5 mm.; width 25.2 mm.; thickness 3.7 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Five specimens including three right valves and two left valves.

*Range and distribution*.—In the Western Atlantic, the living *C. ornata* is said to range from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil, in depths to 116 fathoms. According to Dall (1898, p. 743), the species also occurs in the Pleistocene of the Florida Keys and in raised reefs of the Antilles. Trechmann (1933) found the species in the Coral Rock formation (Pliocene?-Pleistocene) at Canefield, Barbados, at an elevation of 1000 feet, as well as at lower levels elsewhere in Barbados.

***Chlamys (Chlamys) benedicti* Verrill and Bush**

Pl. 14, figs. 8-11

1897. *Chlamys Benedicti* Verrill and Bush, Connecticut Acad. Arts and Sci., Trans., vol. 10, art. 2, pp. 74-75.

1898. *Chlamys benedicti* Verrill and Bush, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 20, No. 1139, pp. 834-835, pl. 84, figs. 1-2

1898. *Chlamys Benedicti* Verrill and Bush, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 743, 744.

1934. *Pecten (Chlamys) benedicti* Verrill and Bush, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 24.  
1954. *Chlamys benedicti* Verrill and Bush, Abbott, American Seashells, p. 364.  
1959. *Chlamys benedicti* Verrill and Bush, Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, pp. 5, 7.  
1961. *Chlamys benedicti* Verrill and Bush, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 168, pl. 33b.

Shell small, thin, compressed, subequivalve, subequilateral, a little higher than wide. Dorsal margins low, somewhat concave, diverging at an angle of about 85 degrees; ventral margin semi-circular. Beaks hardly projecting beyond hinge line. Hinge line of right valve bowed slightly downward at the beak, straight on the left valve. Auricles unequal, the right anterior one the longest, subrectangular, and with a large byssal notch, below which, on the ctenolium, there are five to eight teeth; right posterior ear short, broadly triangular, the margin concave, the corner sharply right-angled; left anterior ear larger than the posterior, triangular, the margin slightly convex and fimbriate; left posterior ear small, the margin hardly concave, the corner also right-angled. Anterior auricle of right valve sculptured by six low radiating ribs progressively increasing in width from the fasciolar depression toward the hinge line; posterior auricle of right valve sculptured by six unequal radiating ribs, the broadest one at the top. Anterior auricle of left valve with eight to ten subequal radiating riblets, the posterior with five to seven small unequal riblets. The auricles are traversed by coarse, scaly to spinose concentric lamellae, the scales projecting well above the anterior hinge line of the right valve, the projections decreasing in size toward the beak; the scales also project over the posterior half of the hinge line but less so than on the forward half. On the left valve the concentric markings are spiny where they cross the auricular riblets, but in the interspaces they are in the form of regular threads, imparting a decussate pattern. The outer surface of the disk is sculptured by 23 single, moderately high, scaly to spinose radiating ribs, each with one minor scaly thread in the interspaces on the lower half of the disk. The primary ribs are squarish on the upper half of the disk on both valves; on the lower half of the left valve, however, they are subtriangular, and on the lower half of the left valve they are rounded at the summit. On both valves the relatively widely spaced scales or spines are more



pronounced on the lower half of the disk and at the margins, particularly on the anterior side of the right valve where the short spines are erect and sharp and the posterior side of the left valve where the markings on the ribs are in the form of low erect scales. On the interior, the right anterior ear is radially fluted, and the cardinal ridges below the ligamental groove are better defined on the right valve than on the left. The weak internal ribs, which correspond to the interspaces of the exterior, continue upward to the beak, and are bicrenulate at the basal margin.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen L337a, right valve, height 17 mm.; width 15 mm.; thickness 2.5 mm. Specimen L337b, left valve, height 13.9 mm.; width 12.2 mm.; thickness 2.1 mm. Specimen K338a, left valve, height 13 mm.; width 11.9 mm.; thickness 1.9 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road, about 220 meters west of W-15. Five specimens including one right valve and four left valves. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. One right valve (broken), and one left valve.

*Remarks.*—The type of *Chlamys benedicti* is an immature shell, and neither the original description nor illustrations of the type indicate the presence of interstitial riblets. However, adult Recent specimens of *Chlamys benedicti* in the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia all possess interstitial riblets, and except for being slightly narrower, the Venezuelan fossils are identical with the living species.

*Comparisons.*—Comparable but distinct species are the following:

*C. hastata* (Sowerby) (1843, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 1, p. 72, pl. 20, fig. 236). Late Miocene to Recent, west coast of the Americas. *C. hastata* is larger than *C. benedicti*, has several minor threads between the primary ribs, and the dorsal margins are more concave than in *C. benedicti*.

*C. varius* (Linnaeus) (Syst. Nat., ed. 10, p. 698, No. 168). Recent from northern Europe and the Mediterranean. This has 26 to 32 ribs compared with 23 for *C. benedicti*. Dautzenberg (1900,

Soc. Zool. France, Mém., vol. 13, p. 224) reported *C. varius* from the Gulf of Maracaibo and the Island of Tortuga, Venezuela.

*Pecten (Chlamys) lowei* Hertlein (1935, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 21, No. 25, pp. 308-311, pl. 19, figs. 1, 2, 7, 8). Recent from the Gulf of California to Panamá in 30 to 55 fathoms. The apical angle is narrower than in *C. benedicti*, and the primary ribs are compound toward the base whereas in *C. benedicti* they are single.

*C. muscosa* (Wood) (Index Testaceologicus, Suppl., pl. 2, fig. 2), also known as *C. exasperata* (Sowerby) and *C. fuscopurpurea* (Conrad). Pliocene to Recent, Atlantic and Caribbean provinces. This is larger and more tumid than *C. benedicti* and has fewer ribs and larger auricles than the Cabo Blanco fossil.

*C. vaginula* Dall (1898, pp. 715-716). Middle Miocene of Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. As described and illustrated by Woodring (1925, p. 65, pl. 8, figs. 1-2), *C. vaginula* has broader and flatter ribs than *C. benedicti*.

*Pecten (Chlamys) portoricensis* Hubbard (1920, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 3, pt. 2, pp. 87-88, pl. 11, figs. 2-3) from the Oligocene of Puerto Rico has 26 to 27 compound primary ribs compared with 23 simple primary ribs on the Venezuelan fossil here referred to *C. benedicti*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Chlamys benedicti* ranges from Florida to northern South America and has been recorded as far north as Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The present report is the first record of it as a fossil.

#### **Aequipecten muscosus (Wood)**

Pl. 15, figs. 1, 2

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1847. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 1, p. 54, pl. 18, figs. 183, 184, 186.

1847. *Pecten muscosus* Wood, Sowerby, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 2, p. 66, pl. 19, fig. 225.

1849. *Pecten fuscopurpureus* Conrad, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., new ser., vol. 1, pp. 209, 280, pl. 39, fig. 10.

1852. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 8, pl. 2, sp. 7, 8a-b.

1853. *Pecten muscosus* Wood, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 8, pl. 16, sp. 60.



1853. *Pecten triradiatus* Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 8, sp. 120. Not of Müller, Zool. Dan., vol. 2, p. 25, 1788.
1853. *Pecten cretatus* Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 8, pl. 29, sp. 129a-b.
1864. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 134.
1867. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Guppy, Sci. Assoc. Trinidad, Proc., pt. 3, p. 164 (part).
1878. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 16.
1878. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Arango y Molina, Contribución a la Fauna Malacológica Cubana, p. 270.
1881. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Gabb, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., 2d. ser., vol. 8, p. 379.
1886. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Dall, Mus. Comp. Zool., Bull., vol. 12, No. 6, p. 218.
1889. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 34.
1889. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 70.
1895. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Gregory, Geol. Soc. London, Quart. Jour., vol. 51, p. 291.
1897. *Chlamys exasperata* (Sowerby), Verrill, Connecticut Acad. Arts and Sci., Trans., vol. 10, art. 3, pp. 59, 91.
1898. *Pecten (Chlamys) exasperatus* Sowerby, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci. Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 742-743.
1901. *Pecten (Chlamys) exasperatus* Sowerby, Dall and Simpson, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 466.
1913. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Brown and Pilsbry, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 65, p. 496.
1916. *Pecten (Chlamys) exasperatus* Sowerby, Thiele, Zool. Jahrb., Suppl. 11, p. 125.
1920. *Pecten (Chlamys) exasperatus* Sowerby, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 59.
1923. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Clench, Nautilus, vol. 37, No. 2, p. 55.
1925. *Pecten muscosus* Wood, Dall, Nautilus, vol. 38, No. 4, p. 120.
1934. *Pecten (Chlamys) exasperatus* Sowerby, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 24.
1936. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Lermond, Check List of Florida Marine Shells, Gulfport, p. 16.
1937. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 33, pl. 8, figs. 5a, 5b; pl. 9, figs. 4a, 4b.
1939. *Pecten (Chlamys) muscosus* Wood, Fulton, Nautilus, vol. 52, No. 3, p. 120.
1939. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Mansfield, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 18, p. 27.
1942. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Jaume and Pérez Farfante, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 16, No. 1, p. 39.
1944. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, Hackney, Nautilus, vol. 58, No. 2, p. 57.
1945. *Pecten exasperatus* Sowerby, van Bentham Jutting, Geol.-Mijnbouwk. Genootschap Nederland en Koloniën Verhandl., Geol. Ser., vol. 14, p. 77.
1949. *Pecten (Chlamys) exasperatus* Sowerby, Lange de Morretes, Mus. Para-naense, Arq., vol. 7, art. 1, p. 14.
1951. *Chlamys (Chlamys) muscosa* (Wood), McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 29, pl. 5, fig. 5.
1952. *Pecten muscosus* Wood, Pulley, Texas Jour. Sci., vol. 4, No. 2, p. 180.

- 1953. *Chlamys* (*Chlamys*) *fuscopurpureus* (Conrad), Olsson and Harbison, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 8, p. 53, pl. 3, figs. 6, 6a.
- 1954. *Aequipecten* (*Aequipecten*) *muscosus* (Wood), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 367, pl. 34d, e.
- 1955. *Aequipecten muscosus* (Wood), Perry and Schwengel, Marine Shells of the Western Coast of Florida, p. 48, pl. 5, fig. 27.
- 1958. *Chlamys* (*Chlamys*) *fuscopurpureus* (Conrad), DuBar, Florida Geol. Sur., Geol. Bull. No. 40, p. 158.
- 1958. *Aequipecten muscosus* (Wood), Olsson and McGinty, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 39, No. 177, p. 22.
- 1959. *Pecten muscosus* Wood, Grau, Allan Hancock Pacific Exped., vol. 23, pp. 157, 158.
- 1959. *Aequipecten muscosus* (Wood), Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, pp. 6, 7.
- 1961. *Pecten* (*Aequipecten*) *muscosus* Wood, van Regteren Altena, Konink. Nederl. Akad. Wetensch.-Amsterdam, Proc., ser. B, vol. 64, No. 2, p. 299.
- 1961. *Aequipecten* (*Aequipecten*) *muscosus* (Wood), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 170, pl. 33e.

The following description pertains to the left valve.

Shell small, a little convex, nearly equilateral, the dorsal margins diverging at an angle of about 87 degrees, the ventral margin semicircular. Hinge line straight, the beak extending slightly above it. Anterior auricle slightly the larger, gently embayed at the base, and fimbriate at the margin, the posterior ear triangular and hardly convex at the margin. Anterior ear sculptured by seven coarse subequal radiating ribs crossed by scaly concentric threads which extend slightly above the hinge line as short sharp serrations; posterior ear also sculptured by seven subequal radiating ribs which are a little smaller than the anterior ones, but like those are coarsened by scaly concentric threads, the latter scarcely projecting beyond the hinge line as fine serrations. Both ears are convex outward at the corner leaving a small gap when the valves are in juxtaposition. Exterior of disk sculptured by 19 regular, prickly and scaly radiating ribs rounded at the summit, and separated by narrower, fairly deep interspaces. The ribs are traversed by regular, scaly lamellae which are much less pronounced in the interspaces; projecting from either slope of the ribs but not reaching the crest, are smaller scales alternating with the lamellae atop the ribs, the scales arrayed in a single file. The submargins or dorsal slopes are short and moderately steep, and bear two minor radiating ribs crossed by scales of the same order of magnitude as those on the disk proper. Internally, the ligamental grooves are exceedingly narrow, and be-



low them, on either side of the triangular chondrophore are slightly divergent narrow cardinal sulci. Both auricles are gently fluted distally, the anterior flutings longer than the posterior. On the inner margin at the base of the anterior ear there is a short bipartite cardinal crura. Internal ribs flat and broad, the interspaces shallow and narrow except at the base where they form deeper flutings which interlock with those of the opposite valve; the internal ribs continue upward toward the beak, and there are 18 of them.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen K339a, left valve, height 12.1 mm.; width 11.9 mm.; thickness 2 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. One young left valve.

*Remarks*.—The single Cabo Blanco fossil is identical with Recent shells of the same size from Cárdenas, Cuba, contained in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

*Range and distribution*.—The living *A. muscosus* ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. The fossil *A. muscosus* has been reported from the Pleistocene of South Carolina, Florida, Cuba, the Panamá Canal Zone, and the Island of St. Eustatius, and from the Pliocene of Florida and Costa Rica. Van Bentham Jutting (1945) also found the species at Punta Gorda, 2 kilometers east of Cabo Blanco, Venezuela.

***Chlamys (Leptopecten) desultoria*, new species**

Pl. 15, figs. 3-6

The following description pertains to the right valve.

Shell small, thin, subcompressed to slightly inflated, nearly equilateral, the dorsal margins low, diverging at an angle of 94 to 98 degrees, the ventral margin rounded. Beak about level with hinge line, the hinge line straight. Auricles unequal, the anterior one slightly longer, subrectangular, and with a prominent byssal notch, the posterior one triangular. Separating the anterior auricle from the disk is a prominent, wedge-shaped, fasciolar sulcus, widening rather rapidly away from the beak. Anterior ear sculptured by five or six small unequal riblets which are crossed by concentric lamellae, the lamellae crowded and low near the beak, more widely spaced and a

little higher toward the extremity; posterior ear marked by five or six fine radial riblets crossed by concentric threads which are more pronounced in the decussated interspaces. The radial riblets of both ears vary somewhat in size and spacing from specimen to specimen. Ctenolium bearing four or five teeth. Disk sculptured by 13 to 15 radial ribs separated by interspaces about equally as wide. In the interspaces near the base at the middle area of the valve there is a single feeble intercostal thread usually situated submedially in the interspaces but occasionally to the side. The ribs are moderately high and subsquarish, and some of them may be faintly divided. The concentric markings consist typically of rather widely spaced laminae which are generally much sharper in the interspaces; on unweathered specimens it may be seen that the laminae in ascending the sides of the ribs form small vaulted arches, although they straighten out on the summit of the ribs where they are usually smoothed off; on the paratype (J342a), the concentric laminae are worn away on both the ribs and interspaces on the lower half of the valve, thus modifying the appearance of the ribs. The submargins may or may not bear a faint radial groove, and the concentric lineations there are relatively inconspicuous, particularly on the anterior submargin. Within the valve, the ligamental groove is long, narrow, and shallow, and is finely scored by numerous short vermicular grooves. Chondrophore small, triangular. Both ears are shallowly and broadly fluted, the flutings longer on the anterior ear. Internal ribs strong, extending far upward in the valve, generally depressed or sulcate in greater or less degree along the middle, and separated by fairly deep interspaces.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G342a), right valve, height 10.3 mm.; width 10.3 mm.; thickness 1.1 mm. Paratype (J342a), right valve, height 9.6 mm.; width 9.8 mm.; thickness 2 mm. Paratype (G341a), right valve, height 11.4 mm.; width 12.3 mm.; thickness 1.9 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at G-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two right valves, the holotype and a paratype (G341a).

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation at G-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two right valves, one of them (J342a) a paratype. Lower Mare formation, in small stream



100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One broken right valve.

*Comparisons.*—The nearest related species from the Atlantic-Caribbean side of the Americas are *Chlamys* (*Plagiectenium*) *irremotis* Olsson and Harbison (1953, p. 56, pl. 3, figs. 7, 7a) from the upper Miocene and Pliocene of Florida, and *Pecten* (*Aequipecten*) *effossus* Brown and Pilsbry (1911, pp. 364-365, pl. 28, figs. 4, 6) from the middle Miocene of the Isthmus of Panamá. Both of these species differ from *C. desultoria*, n. sp. in lacking the minor radial thread in the intercostal areas, and *C. effossa* not only has several more ribs than the Venezuelan shell, but on the type of *C. effossa* the ribs are sharply tripartite. Other somewhat similar species from the Caribbean area are *Pecten vauhani* Cooke (1919, p. 133, pl. 8, figs. 2-4) from the lower Miocene of Anguilla; *Pecten vauhani flabellum* Cooke (1919, p. 134, pl. 8, figs. 6a, 6b, 7) from the reported Oligocene of Cuba; *Pecten atlantica* Anderson (1929, pp. 156-157, pl. 19, figs. 2-3) from the middle Miocene of Colombia; and *Pecten maturensis* Maury (1925, p. 241, pl. 14, figs. 3-4) from the Matura Pliocene of Trinidad. All of the above may be distinguished from *C. desultoria* in lacking radial threads on the right anterior ear. In west America, analogous forms are *Pecten woodringi* Spieker (1922, Johns Hopkins Univ., Studies in Geol., No. 3, p. 125, pl. 7, figs. 4-5) from the middle Miocene of Peru and Ecuador (see Marks, 1951, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 33, No. 139, pp. 331-332, pl. 3, fig. 1); *Pecten* (*Chlamys*) *bellilamellatus* Arnold (1906, p. 41, pl. 41, figs. 6, 6a, 7, 7a) from the Pliocene of California; the Pleistocene and Recent *Pecten tumbezensis* d'Orbigny (1846, Voyage Amér. Mérid., vol. 5, p. 663); and the Recent *Pecten palmeri* Dall (1897, Nautilus, vol. 1, No. 8, p. 85) known only from the Gulf of California. On *C. woodringi* the radial threads on the right anterior ear are wanting or obsolete. *C. bellilamellata* is slightly more oblique than *C. desultoria*, and lacks the minor radial thread in the intercostal spaces. *C. tumbezensis* (see Grau, 1959, pp. 118-120, pl. 40), living from the Gulf of California to Peru in waters just below tide to 70 fathoms, is somewhat oblique whereas *C. desultoria* is nearly equilateral. On *C. palmeri* (see Grau, 1959, pp. 113-114, pl. 36), a species found on rocks and on sandy or muddy bottoms to 50 fathoms, the primary ribs are longitudinally threaded whereas on *C. desultoria* the primary ribs are simple.

***Chlamys (Argopecten) gibbus antecessor***, new subspecies, Pl. 15, figs. 7-12;  
Pl. 16, figs. 1-4

1925. *Pecten (Plagioctenium) gibbus* (Linnaeus), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont.,  
vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 238-239, pl. 14, fig. 2; pl. 16, fig. 1. Not of Linnaeus ?

Cabo Blanco shell of moderate size and thickness, subequilateral, the valves a little unequal, varying in convexity from slight to full, occasionally gently humped medially. Beaks small, extending slightly beyond the hinge line. Ventral margin evenly rounded, the dorsal margins usually slightly concave, the posterior a little longer than the anterior and thus imparting a slight obliqueness to the valves, the divergence averaging about 95 degrees. Dorsal slopes short and steep, the submargins of the disk sharply defined. Hinge line of left valve sharp and straight, the hinge line of the right hardly bowed down toward the beak. Auricles of left valve rather high, a little unequal, the posterior one scarcely concave at the margin, the anterior one gently convex above, incurved below. A shallow radial furrow bisects the left anterior ear a little above the middle, and above the furrow the ear is smoothed and bears two widely spaced inconspicuous radial folds; below the furrow there are four or five closely spaced coarse radial riblets. The left posterior ear is also radiately ribbed but the riblets are finer than on the anterior ear. On the right, or lower valve the auricles are unequal, the posterior one triangular, more or less truncate at the margin, and scalloped along the edge, the anterior one subrectangular, convex at the margin, and subtruncate at the base. On the anterior ear of the right valve there are about five low unequal radial folds, and on the posterior ear there are about six subequal riblets on the lower two-thirds and two inconspicuous riblets on the upper third. Traversing the exterior of the auricles of both valves are concentric laminae which are sharper in the interspaces of the riblets than on the riblets themselves. Internally, the hinge plate is thickened by arcuate cardinal ridges, the ridges of the right valve more robust and more downswept than those of the left valve. On the left valve there is a fairly well-developed cardinal crura along the inner margin of the anterior ear, and below that there are two irregular nodulations representing the termini of the minor crurae. Chondrophore, or resilifer triangular and deep, the sides thickened



and merging with the cardinal ridges. There are three to five pectinidial teeth on the byssal area below the right anterior ear, and, when well preserved, the teeth are hooked. Both valves are sculptured by 19 to 21 external ribs, and there are usually two ribs less in the interior than on the exterior. The external ribs are high and regular, flattened or slightly rounded at the crest, and wider than or the same width as the interspaces but occasionally slightly narrower than the interspaces. There seems to be a tendency for the ribs of the right valve to be a trifle wider than those of the left. The exterior is crossed by regularly spaced concentric laminae which are sharp in the interspaces of the ribs but smoothed off on the crest of the ribs. On the short steep dorsal slopes the radial ribs are faint or wanting, and the concentric markings, though crowded, are less conspicuous than on the disk proper. The internal ribs are flat low and broad, the interspaces narrow and shallow except at the ventral margin proper where the interspaces are in the form of short deep triangular flutings, so designed that they interlock with the termini of the ribs of the opposite valve. The internal ribs are thickened slightly at the sides, and they extend to the body cavity toward which they become progressively fainter. The body cavity is situated well within the interior, and the muscle impression is large and rudely orbicular.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (T344a), left valve, height 32 mm.; width 33.5 mm., thickness 10.2 mm. Paratype (G344b), left valve, height 22.3 mm.; width 22.3 mm.; thickness 6.3 mm. Paratype (G344c), right valve, height 18.7 mm.; width 18.7 mm.; thickness 6.8 mm. Paratype (1344a) right valve, height 17.5 mm.; width 17.8 mm.; thickness 4 mm. Paratype (1344b), left valve, height 18.9 mm.; width 18.3 mm.; thickness 5.1 mm. Paratype (J344a), left valve, height 12.5 mm.; width 11.8 mm.; thickness 2.2 mm. Paratype (J343a), left valve, height 21.4 mm.; width 21 mm.; thickness 5.8 mm. Paratype (L340a), left valve, height 12.2 mm.; width 11.8 mm.; thickness 2.1 mm. Paratype (L340b), right valve, height 17 mm.; width 17 mm.; thickness 3 mm.

*Type locality.*—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas; Two left valves, the larger (T344a), the holotype.

*Other localities.*—Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Six specimens including three left valves, two right valves, and one fragment. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens including two left valves and two right valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Seven specimens including five left valves and two right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas, approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road about 20 meters west of W-15. Four left valves. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yaching Club road and coast road. One left valve.

*Remarks.*—The new subspecies so closely resembles the Miocene to Recent *C. gibbus gibbus* (Linnaeus) that a near relationship is indicated. *C. gibbus antecessor*, n. subsp. is differentiated from *C. gibbus gibbus* in both its much steeper dorsal slopes and thicker, more arcuate cardinal ridges. On many examples of the Recent *C. gibbus gibbus* the disk and submargins merge with but little change in the convexity, whereas on *C. g. antecessor* the dorsal slopes steepen so abruptly that the disk proper is subcarinate at the shoulders. I have seen variants of *C. gibbus*, notably *C. gibbus versicolor* (Lermond) from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, with fairly steep dorsal slopes, but on that form the cardinal ridges are not so arcuate or so thick as on the Cabo Blanco fossil. *C. g. antecessor* seems to be the same as Maury's *C. gibbus* from the Matura Pliocene of Trinidad, but the latter is probably not the *C. gibbus* of Linnaeus.

*Comparisons.*—*C. gibbus antecessor*, n. subsp. exhibits affinity to the following American species:

*Pecten irradians irradians* Lamarck (1819, An. sans Vert., vol. 6, p. 173). Pleistocene and Recent, east America. Larger and thinner than *C. g. antecessor*, and with fewer (17 to 18) ribs.

*Ostrea nucleus* Born (1780, Testacea Musei Caesarei Vindo-



bonensis, p. 107, pl. 7, fig. 2) (see *Aequipecten gibbus nucleus* (Born), Abbott, 1954, American Seashells, p. 368, pl. 34h). Recent, southeast Florida to northern South America. This is a thin form with 21 to 23 ribs and has smaller ears than *C. g. antecessor*.

*Pecten circularis* Sowerby (1835, Zool. Soc. London, p. 110) (see Arnold 1906, pp. 125-126, pl. 42, figs. 3-6; pl. 44, figs. 6-7). Upper Pliocene to Recent, west America. The typical Recent form is larger, more convex, and more oblique than *C. g. antecessor*.

*Pecten (Plagiectenium) eldridgei* Arnold (1906, p. 87, pl. 25, figs. 3-6). Etchegoin formation (Pliocene), California *vide* Grant and Gale (1931, p. 214). The interspaces are only one-half as wide as the ribs.

*Pecten (Chlamys) santarosanus* Böse (1906, Inst. Geol. México, Bol. No. 22, pp. 23-24, pl. 1, figs. 1,4; p. 27, pl. 1, figs. 2,5; pl. 6, figs. 3-4). Pliocene, States of Veracruz and Oaxaca, México. The right anterior ear of the Mexican forms illustrated by Böse is elongate-triangular, whereas that of *C. g. antecessor* is subrectangular.

*Pecten levicostatus* Toulou (1908, K.-K. Geol. Reichs. Jahr., vol. 58, p. 713, pl. 26, figs. 4-6). Middle Miocene of the Isthmus of Panamá and Costa Rica. The right anterior ear of this species is also subtriangular. It has been suggested by Olsson (1922, pp. 371-373, pl. 16, figs. 5-7) that the Costa Rican *C. levicostatus* may be the same as Böse's *C. santarosana* (p. 73, pl. 6, figs. 3-4) from Barranca de Santa María de Tatetla, State of Veracruz, Mexico.

*Pecten circularis venezuelanus* F. and H. Hodson (1927, pp. 25-26, pl. 14, fig. 6; pl. 15, figs. 2,4,5; pl. 17, fig. 1) from the Miocene and Pliocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela, and *P. circularis cornellanus* F. and H. Hodson (1927, pp. 27-28, pl. 14, fig. 2; pl. 15, figs. 3, 10; pl. 16, fig. 3) from the Miocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela. These have a somewhat smaller angle of divergence of the dorsal margins than the Cabo Blanco *C. g. antecessor*.

*Chlamys (Plagiectenium) amelea* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 70-71, pl. 8, fig. 9). Middle Miocene of Jamaica. On some examples of this species a slight

groove lies on the extreme lower part of a few ribs. No such grooves have been noted on *C. g. antecessor*. Also the fasciolar radial cord on the right anterior ear next to the margin of the disk is more elevated and much coarser than on the new Venezuelan subspecies.

*Chlamys (Plagioctenium) nicholsi* Gardner (1926, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-A, p. 48, pl. 12, figs. 5-6). Shoal River formation (middle Miocene), Florida, U.S.A. This abundant and widespread form from northwest Florida has an average of 17 radial ribs contrasted with the 19 to 21 on the Venezuelan *C. g. antecessor*. Gardner was of the opinion that *C. nicholsi* may have been an ancestral type of the *C. gibbus* group. Recent Pectinidae of the group exemplified by *C. gibbus* under the subgenus *Argopecten* are listed by Grau (1960, Nautilus, vol. 74, No. 1, pp. 17-18).

*Pecten (Plagioctenium) gibbus portusregii* Grau (1952, Nautilus, vol. 66, No. 2, p. 69), new name for *P. gibbus carolinensis* Grau, not Conrad (1952, Nautilus, vol. 66, No. 1, pp. 17-19, pl. 1, figs. 2-5,7). Recent, two miles off Port Royal, South Carolina, in about 13 fathoms. This species has scales on the radial riblets of the right anterior ear, and five or six pectinidial teeth on the ctenolium. *C. gibbus antecessor*, n. subsp. lacks scales on the right anterior ear, and the ctenolium or byssal area below the right anterior ear bears three to five pectinidial teeth.

*Pecten (Plagioctenium) evergladensis* Mansfield (1931, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 170-D, pp. 47-48, pl. 17, figs. 1,2,4,5). Tamiami limestone (upper Miocene) of southern Florida. This has a more inequilateral shell than *C. gibbus antecessor*, n. subsp.

***Chlamys (Argopecten) imitata*, new species**

Pl. 16, figs. 5-10

Shell thin, fairly large, moderately inflated, subequivalve, inequilateral, the valves always oblique to a greater or lesser extent. Dorso-lateral margins low, hardly concave, diverging at an angle of 103 to 109 degrees, the posterior submargin longer than the anterior, the ventral margin well rounded, the rounding posterior to the middle eccentric, the eccentricity commensurate with the obliqueness of the valve. Byssal gape narrow, the ctenolium without dentition. Auricles of right valve unequal, the posterior one triangular, gracefully concave at the margin and slightly concave



in plan, the anterior ear subrectangular, slightly convex in plan, with a small but excavated byssal notch. Both ears of the right valve are rolled over at the summit of the hinge, and the hinge line itself is slightly bowed down toward the beak. Externally the anterior ear of the right valve has a flattish to somewhat bulging fasciolar area adjacent to the disk, and above this there are three or four feeble to obsolete low radial ridges which are generally a little more apparent near the beak than distally; crossing the right anterior ear are growth striae, the striae convex upward and pronounced on the fasciole, rather faint near the margin of the ear but stronger inward where they form raised threads over the radial riblets and on the summit of the hinge; on the lower half of the posterior ear there are four to six radial riblets, but the upper half is relatively smooth; on some right valves, including that of the type, the radial riblets are wholly obsolete, and the entire ear is smooth except for the numerous concentric lineations; the concentric striae of the right posterior ear may be fine or coarse, the latter occasionally forming raised threads at the summit of the hinge near the beak. On the left valve the ears are subequal, the anterior one a little more concave at the margin than the posterior; both ears are slightly concave in plan and are also rolled over at the summit of the hinge, although more narrowly so than on the right valve, and the hinge line is straight and sharp; there may be as many as six small radial riblets on each ear of the left valve but these are generally faint and are crossed by numerous fine concentric laminae none of which forms elevated threads on the hinge summit. Umbonal areas compressed, the sides of the disk near the beak moderately sharp, the beaks extending a little beyond the hinge line. Below the umbos, the disk and submargins are evenly convex. External sculpture consisting of radial ribs and concentric laminae. There are 21 to 26 ribs on the disk, the ribs on the right valve low and broad, and with narrow shallow interspaces, the ribs on the right valve relatively high and square above, obtusely triangular toward the base, separated by interspaces a little wider than the ribs themselves. On the submargins radial ribs are generally absent, but on one right valve in the collection the posterior submargin bears three low broad ones. The concentric laminae are sharp and regularly spaced on the upper half of the valve but

crowded basalward; they are sharp in the intercostal areas of the left valve but have been smoothed off the crest of the ribs of both valves. On the right valve the concentric markings are occasionally bunched as incremental lamellae which cross the ribs and interspaces in equal prominence. Internally, the ligamental grooves are long and narrow, and below them is a shallow cardinal depression on either side of the triangular chondrophore, the depressions scored by fine vertical vermicular grooves. At or below the base of the ears there is a small pustule or two. The internal ribs are paired, and extend far upward toward the beak; at the ventral margin proper the ribs are separated by flutings, and on the right valve of the holotype the termini of the internal ribs form small wedges projecting downward beyond the rim of the margin.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype, right valve (L331a1), height and width 36.9 mm.; left valve (L331a2), height and width 37.1 mm.; thickness of valves attached 19 mm. Paratype (L331b), young right valve, height 17 mm.; width 16.8 mm.; thickness 2.7 mm. Paratype (U331a), right valve, height and width 27.9 mm.; thickness 5.4 mm. Specimen K334a, right valve, height 43.2 mm. Specimen U335a, right valve, height 34.7 mm.; width 36.8 mm.; thickness 11 mm.

*Type locality.* — Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road, about 220 meters west of W-15. Nine specimens including five doublets, four right valves, and fragments of left valves.

*Other localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of coast road at east end of Catia La Mar. Four specimens including two left valves and two right valves.

*Comparisons.*—This species is allied to various forms of both the east American *C. irradians* group and the west American *C. circularis* group. The most closely related perhaps is *Pecten eccentricus* Gabb (1873, p. 256) (see Maury, 1917, p. 351, pl. 34, fig. 8; and Pilsbry, 1921, pp. 412-413, pl. 40, fig. 12) from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, but among other minor differences, *C. eccentrica* has deeper interspaces, more prominent ribs, and smaller ears on the right valve. *C. demiurgus* of authors (Maury, 1925, pp. 237-238, pl. 14, fig. 5; pl. 16, fig. 6; Harris [in] Waring,



1926, p. 109, pl. 20, figs. 3-4; and Rutsch, 1943, pp. 112-113, pl. 3, fig. 5) from the middle and upper Miocene of Trinidad and the middle Miocene of Venezuela ? and Colombia is a much larger and more coarsely ribbed shell than *C. imitata*, n. sp., and on young specimens of *C. demiurgus* the right valve is more convex than the left. It may be noted that in Dall's illustration (1898, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 178, pl. 26, fig. 3) of his type *C. demiurgus*, the ears of the right valve are shown to be entirely wanting in radial riblets whereas in illustrations by the above-mentioned authors the ears of the right valve are prominently ribbed. The intensity of the relatively weak auricular ribs on *C. imitata*, n. sp. varies considerably, and on some specimens they are absent. *Pecten levicostatus* Toulou (1908, p. 713, pl. 26, figs. 4-6) as described by Olsson (1922, pp. 371-372, pl. 16, figs. 5-7) from the Gatun (middle Miocene) formation of the Isthmus of Panamá and Costa Rica is usually a little wider than high whereas on *C. imitata* the height and breadth are nearly the same. On *Pecten circularis venezuelanus* F. and H. Hodson (1927, pp. 25-26, pl. 14, fig. 6; pl. 15, figs. 2,4,5; pl. 17, fig. 1) from the Miocene and Pliocene of northwestern Venezuela the cardinal depressions below the ligamental grooves are much more pronounced than on *C. imitata*, the internal ribs of *C. c. venezuelana* do not continue far within as in *C. imitata*, and the external ribs of the right valve are much higher and flatter than on the Cabo Blanco form. The Pleistocene and Recent *C. irradians concentrica* (Say) (1822, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 1, vol. 2, p. 259) from the Atlantic coastal plain area of the southern United States is more gibbous than *C. imitata*, and not so oblique.

In western America the Pliocene to Recent *C. circularis* (Sowerby) and congeners (see Keen, 1958, p. 72, fig. 132) are much more inflated than the Venezuelan *C. imitata*, n. sp. On the Pliocene *C. mendenhalli* (Arnold) (1906, pp. 84-85, pl. 25, figs. 2, 2a, 2b) (see Hertlein, 1925, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 14, No. 1, p. 16, pl. 1, fig. 5; and Hanna, 1926, *ibid*, No. 18, p. 473, pl. 25, figs. 4-5) the intercostal areas on the left valve are narrower than on *C. imitata* but otherwise the Venezuelan and Californian shells are much alike. On *C. cristobalensis* (Hertlein) (1925, pp. 19-20, pl. 3, figs. 1, 2, 5) from the Pliocene of California the ribs of the

right valve are higher and squarer than on *C. imitata*, and it is a much larger shell. Grant and Gale, (1931, p. 210) report *C. cristobalensis* as a living shell from the coast of Peru. The Pliocene *C. subdola* (Hertlein) (1925, pp. 20-21, pl. 5, figs. 2, 4, 7) from California is yet another species allied to *C. imitata*, but the margin of the left posterior ear is subtruncate whereas on *C. imitata* it is gracefully sinuate.

**Lyropecten (Nodipecten) nodosus ? (Linnaeus)**

Pl. 17, fig. 1

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Shell large, suborbicular, sculptured by nine strong rounded nodose ribs which are separated by deep rounded interspaces nearly as wide as the ribs themselves; ribs and interspaces alike marked by strong radial riblets of which there are as many as nine on the

largest ribs and as many as six in the widest interspaces, the latter riblets a little smaller than those on the principal ribs. The nodules occur in a few concentric rows of unequal spacing, and are much larger on the lower part of the shell; on the right ? valve of the Cabo Blanco specimen there is one node on each rib per row. The entire surface is covered with numerous equal concentric laminae, and there are concentric growth ridgelets near the base. Auricles unequal, the anterior one larger, both sculptured by radial riblets which are crossed by strong concentric lamellae. Interior fluted, the flutings converging to the beak, toward which they diminish gradually in depth and strength. At the base of the valve the internal ribs between the flutings are thickened slightly on the sides, and there is the suggestion that at the base the internal ribs are multi-crenulate.

*Dimensions.*—Figured specimen (N322a) right ? valve, height 103 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) near W-21, in stream flowing along the strike of the north flank of the Litoral anticline. One valve (right ?) filled with fine calcareous fossiliferous sandstone, found loose in bed of stream. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One clean fragment.

*Remarks.*—The imperfect Cabo Blanco fossil so closely resembles *L. nodosus* that it may well be the same. Often, the nodes on the left valve of *L. nodosus* occur on every other primary rib whereas the nodes on the right valve, though not so large, are present on each primary rib. Recent Eastern Atlantic analogues of *L. nodosus* are *L. corallinoides* (d'Orbigny) and *L. noduliferus* (Sowerby) (see Dodge, 1952, p. 172). The east American *L. fragosus* (Conrad) and the west American *L. subnodosus* (Sowerby) were thought by Dall (1898, pp. 728-729) to be mere variants of *L. nodosus nodosus*, but some authors consider the seven-ribbed *L. fragosus* to be a subspecies of *L. nodosus*, and *L. subnodosus* to be a distinct species.

*Range and distribution.*—*Lyropecten* (*Nodipecten*) *nodosus* (Linnaeus) ranges from lower Miocene to Recent. The living shell is found in the Western Atlantic from North Carolina, U.S.A., to



Brazil. As a Pleistocene fossil, *L. nodosus* is recorded from St. Kitts and St. Eustasias, doubtfully from the Dominican Republic (Pilsbry 1921, pp. 409-410), and from Paraguaná, Tortuga, and Cubagua in Venezuela. In the Pliocene it is said to occur in Florida and Costa Rica. Maury (1917, pp. 350-351) collected several imperfect specimens of the species from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, and Hubbard (1920, pp. 86-87) classified as *L. nodosus* a few poorly preserved specimens from the Quebradillas limestone (lower ? Miocene) of Puerto Rico.

***Lyropecten (Nodipecten) arnoldi* Aguerrevere**

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Pl. 19, fig. 1

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The Cabo Blanco shell is large, slightly broader than high, subequilateral, subequivalve, the right valve moderately convex, the left compressed. Both valves have a fairly thick shell substance, and fit snugly at the evenly rounded basal margin, with the ribs of one valve nestled into the flutings of the other. Anterior auricle of right valve somewhat larger than the posterior, the anterior auricle obliquely truncate at the superior lateral margin, incurved below, sculptured by four subequal radiating riblets on the upper two-thirds of the ear; there are no radiating riblets on the lower third or so of the anterior auricle of the right valve, but the whole auricle is traversed by numerous raised sinuous laminae. Anterior auricle of left valve with about six radiating riblets which are finer and weaker than those of the right valve, the entire ear also crossed by numerous sharp laminae. Posterior auricles squarish, the auricle of the right valve sculptured by five or six radiating riblets which are much feebler than those on the anterior ear of the right valve, and by numerous raised wavy laminae which are stronger than those on the anterior ear. The posterior auricle of the left valve is completely wanting in radiating riblets but is transversed by

closely spaced, raised, wavy laminae sharper than the laminae of the anterior ear. Byssal gape narrow and relatively small, the byssal area flattened and marked with concentric laminae only. Pectinidial teeth below the anterior auricle are absent, but on one adult specimen with the ear broken at the junction of the disk there are a number of denticulations normally covered by the inner margin of the auricle. Chondrophore large, deep, wedge-shaped, internal, bounded along the posterior side by a thick ridge with a sulcus down the middle paralleling the edge of the chondrophore. On the hinge plate behind this ridge there is a triangular or ovate depression with the long axis paralleling the ligamental groove above it but extending only about half the length of the ligamental groove. The anterior side of the chondrophore is bordered by a single narrow ridge, on the forward side of which is a roughly rectangular depressed area bearing heavy irregular vertical rugae. Ligamental groove long and narrow, extending along the full length of the hinge line. Body cavity well removed from the margins, the border of the cavity scored with numerous short vertical grooves. Muscle scar large, suborbicular, the posterior margin coinciding with the margin of the body cavity. Inner surface of ventral margin marked by generally nine short broad raised ribs separated by wide triangular flutings, the raised ribs corresponding to the intercostal areas of the exterior, the flutings corresponding to the external costae. The internal ribs are thickened along the margins rendering them bicarinate. The exterior of the shell is sculptured by nine or ten broad, gently rounded ribs which are themselves compounded of four subsidiary riblets of about equal size. At the base, the interspaces are slightly narrower than the primary ribs, and in the interspaces there are usually one prominent riblet in the middle and a minor one on either side; the intercostal riblets are much more prominent than the subsidiary ones on the main ribs. The sides of the disk are sculptured by several secondary radiating riblets, and crossing the whole of the exterior are numerous equally spaced concentric laminae. Both valves are somewhat nodose in the early stages of growth, the nodes occurring on every rib in about the same prominence. Several of the right valves are colored light violet around the body cavity.



*Dimensions.*—Specimen M320a, height 137 mm., width 148 mm.; length of hinge line 97 mm.; thickness (right valve) 35 mm. Largest specimen, height 205 mm.; width 220 mm.; thickness (valves attached) 90 mm.

*Type locality.*—"The type specimen of *Pecten arnoldi* was found 1 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles east of the castle of Cumaná, State of Sucre, Venezuela, S.A." (Aguerrevere).

*Cabo Blanco localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) in bluff 125 meters west of intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. Eleven specimens including three doublets and eight large fragments. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southeast of its intersection with Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Six right valves. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) near W-21 and in stream flowing along the strike of the north flank of the Litoral anticline. Two fragments.

*Remarks.*—This species is probably the same as the one listed by Karsten (1886) as "*Pecten gigas*" from Cabo Blanco near La Guaira. The name seems to have been coined by Karsten to indicate its size, but as there is no formal description it is a *nomen nudum* with no official status. However, Aguerrevere's excellent description leaves little doubt that the large Cabo Blanco *Pecten* is identical with *L. arnoldi* from Cumaná.

*Comparisons.*—The Miocene-Pliocene *Pecten* (aff. *Nodipecten*) *colinensis* F. and H. Hodson (1927, p. 33, pl. 18, figs. 3, 6; pl. 19, fig. 4) from the District of Colina, State of Falcon, Venezuela, is similar to *L. arnoldi* but has one or two more primary ribs than *L. arnoldi*, and the subsidiary riblets on the primary ribs are stronger. *Pecten* (*Lyropecten*) *pittieri* Dall (1925, U.S. Nat. Mus. Proc., vol. 66, No. 2554, art. 17, p. 23, pl. 17, fig. 6) from the later Tertiary of Moín Hill, near Limon, Costa Rica, is much smaller than *L. arnoldi*, and the intercostal riblets are all of about the same size. The lower Miocene to Recent *L. nodosus* (Linnaeus) (1758, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, p. 697) in the eastern Americas is characterized by strong radiating riblets on both auricles of both valves. The lower Pliocene to Recent *L. subnodosus* (Sowerby) (see Thes. Conchyl., vol. 1, p. 65, pl. 15, figs. 97, 112) from the western Americas differs from *L.*

*arnoldi* in having more numerous secondary riblets of about equal size in the intercostal areas.

*Range and distribution.*—*Lyropecten arnoldi* is now known from two Venezuelan localities: Cabo Blanco in the Distrito Federal, and near Cumaná on the State of Sucre, about 310 kilometers east of Cabo Blanco. Aguerrevere suggested a Miocene age for the Cumaná deposit in which *L. arnoldi* was found. Tentatively I would consider the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation in the Cabo Blanco area to be Pliocene in age.

**Lyropecten (Nodipecten) species "a"**

Pl. 17, figs. 2, 3

Illustrated are fragments of a species which is much the same as *L. arnoldi* Aguerrevere except in the character of the larger internal ribs on the basal margin. Those ribs are quadripartite on the present shell but bipartite on *L. arnoldi*. Whether this is an individual variation or a specific difference cannot be determined with the material at hand.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen 1323a, height of fragment 66 mm. Specimen J323a, width of fragment 80 mm.

*Localities.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment.

**Lyropecten (Nodipecten) species "b"**

Pl. 17, figs. 4, 5

Shell attaining a large size, sculptured exteriorly by broad, flat-tish, flexuous and slightly curved radiating costae with steep sides. The costae are themselves made up of three to five strong, coarse radiating riblets more or less equal in size, the lateral riblets grooved along the middle, the inner ones single, all of them rendered nodulous where they are crossed by concentric growth ridges. In the intercostal areas there are one to three radial riblets, the middle one of these about the same size as the riblets on the principal costae and also nodulous, the ones on either side of that minor. On the middle of the disk, and presumedly above as well, there are widely spaced rows of large rounded nodes, with one such node per row on each costa. Crossing the whole of the disk are numerous concentric



laminae, the laminae curved downward on all radial ribs and upward in all of the interspaces. At the basal margin of the valve the laminae are crowded and more or less coalescent. The interior of the shell is fluted from the margins to the body cavity, the flutings corresponding with the external costae and more deeply impressed at the margin. The flutings are bordered by raised flat ribs corresponding to the intercostal areas of the exterior. Near the base of the shell these ribs are thickened on each side rendering them bidenticulate.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen 0321a (fragment), width 59 mm.; height 52 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One fragment.

*Remarks*.—Superficially the present shell resembles *L. colinensis* (F. and H. Hodson) (1927, p. 33, pl. 18, figs. 3, 6; pl. 19, fig. 4) from Miocene-Pliocene strata at various localities in the State of Falcon, Venezuela, but on Hodson's species the large nodes occur on every third costa whereas on the Cabo Blanco form they appear on each costa.

### SPONDYLIDAE

#### *Spondylus americanus* Hermann

Pl. 17, figs. 6-8;  
Pl. 20, figs. 1, 2; Pl. 21, figs. 1, 2

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- 1798. *Spondylus dominicensis* Röding, Museum Botenianum, ed. 1, p. 193.
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The Venezuelan fossils referred to this species are large, robust, suborbicular, and inflated. The posterior side is rounded a little more acutely than the anterior near the middle and is embayed more prominently below the posterior auricle. Interior with crenulate margins, a large, fairly deep adductor impression, a simple pallial line not far from the margin, and a well-defined body cavity. Exterior diversely sculptured by spinose radial ridges and foliaceous concentric lamellae. Our largest left valve, which is worn, has about six primary radials with short strong spines, and, on the disk, about half a dozen subequal secondary radial ribs. On the largest right ? valve, the spines are long and strong on the primary ridges, are convex on the upper surface, and are longitudinally fluted with a single groove on the under side. The exterior of other fragments is raspy and scabrous, and the spines flattened, the rasps produced by numerous small acutely vaulted lamellae. The umbo of the lower,

or right valve is extended high above the upper valve and is strongly lamellate or foliaceous. The cardinal area above the hinge proper on the lower valve is high triangular, but the specimen is too imperfect to reveal the nature of the longitudinal cartilage groove.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen (S354a), left valve, height 123 mm.; max. width 111 mm.; thickness approximately 45 mm. Specimen (0355a), right ? valve, height (umbo missing) 130 mm.; max. width 108 mm. Specimen 0441a (umbonal area and beak), right valve, height 42 mm. Specimen 0356a (part of the umbonal area), height 36.5 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. Two right valves, one fragment of umbonal area, three fragments of base.

*Remarks.*—Many present-day conchologists are of the opinion that there is but one living species of *Spondylus* in the Western Atlantic, and that is the one known currently as *S. americanus* Hermann. The Eastern Pacific analogue is *S. princeps* Broderip (1833, Zool. Soc. London Proc., p. 4; see Keen, 1958, p. 76, pl. 2). These two Recent species, on opposite sides of the American continent, are much alike, although Abbott (1954, pp. 169, 170) stated that the Pacific form (as *S. pictorum* Schreiber) is usually more brilliantly colored than the Atlantic species, and that the spines are 1-1/2 inches or less in length as compared with those of *S. americanus* which are 2 inches or less in length. Although worn and encrusted, the Cabo Blanco fossils are believed to be the same as the Recent American shell, but whether it should be referred to the Western Atlantic *S. americanus* or to the Eastern Pacific *S. princeps* is a moot question. The Western Atlantic name has priority, and I tentatively identify the Cabo Blanco fossils with that species.

*Range and distribution.*—*S. americanus* Hermann is known from the Pliocene to Recent in east America, and *S. princeps* Broderip from the lower Pliocene to Recent in west America. The living *S. americanus* ranges from Florida to Brazil, *S. princeps* from the Gulf of California to Ecuador. In the Pleistocene *S. americanus* is recorded from Florida, Cuba, St. Eustatius ?, Colombia, Barbados, and



Curaçao, and in the Pliocene from Costa Rica. There are several Caribbean Miocene species that are similar or related to the extremely variable *S. americanus* and among those are *Spondylus* species Woodring (1925, pp. 77-78, pl. 9, fig. 8) from Bowden, Jamaica, and the middle Miocene *S. colombiensis* Weisbord (1929, pp. 246-247, pl. 2, figs. 10-11) from near Tuberá, Colombia.

### LIMIDAE

#### **Lima (Limaria) pellucida** C. B. Adams

Pl. 18, figs. 2, 3

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- 1961. *Lima (Limaria) pellucida* C. B. Adams, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 171, pl. 34e.

The worn and encrusted shell referred to *Lima pellucida* is represented by a right valve which is thin, subtranslucent, a little

inflated, elongate, obliquely subelliptical. Anterior side straight, with a long narrow hardly embayed gape, the ventral margin rather acutely rounded, the posterior side subangularly rounded with the greatest curvature a little above the middle, and with a short fairly pronounced gape below the posterior auricle. Interior of valve polished, slightly corrugated by the sculpture of the exterior which is reflected through. Pallial line simple, a short distance in from the margins, the distinct edge of the body cavity farther removed. Beak small, smooth, pointed, appressed, projecting slightly, if at all, beyond the hinge line. Hinge line strongly inclined. Chondrophore relatively large, rounded-triangular, shallow. Just below the posterior auricle there is a short deep groove or sulcus. Exterior of valve sculptured by low delicate finely crenate radial riblets with finer threads between them, and widely spaced concentric lineations. The color is white within and without.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A559a, right valve, height from beak to ventral margin 21 mm.; width 13.5 mm.; thickness 4 mm.

*Locality*.—Beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One right valve.

*Remarks*.—The Western Atlantic *L. pellucida* of C. B. Adams has been referred to by authors as *L. inflata* Lamarck (1819, *An. san Vert.*, vol. 6, p. 156) and *L. hians* (Gmelin) (1791, *Syst. Nat.*, p. 3333). According to Abbott (1958) *L. pellucida* is the same as *L. inflata* Lamarck 1819 but is not *L. hians* Gmelin 1791, which is from the Mediterranean. However, there is some question about the validity of Lamarck's 1819 *Lima inflata* as that name was first used by him in January (?) 1807 (*Mus. Nat. Hist. nat. Paris An.*, vol. 8, p. 463) in his "Mémoires sur les fossiles des environs de Paris." In May 1807, Link (Beschreibung der Naturalien-Sammlung der Universität zu Rostock, vol. 1, pt. 3, p. 157) described *Limaria inflata* founded on Chemnitz 1784 (*Neues systematisches Conchylien-Cabinet*, vol. 7, pl. 68, fig. 649a) from "the coast of Guinea and the strands of the West Indian sugar islands." That species was chosen as the type of the subgenus *Limaria* by Winckworth (1930, *Malac. Soc. London, Proc.*, vol. 19, pt. 3, p. 116) and may well be the same as that named *L. pellucida* by C. B. Adams in 1846. However, Abbott (1958) stated that "If Mediterranean specimens prove to



be the same as our West Indian ones [*L. pellucida*], the name *tuberculata* Olivi, 1792 or *imbricata* Risso, 1826 will have to be used." The Venezuelan shell is identical to Clench and Turner's illustration of the lectotype of *L. pellucida* from Jamaica, as well as, among others, to *L. hians* (Gmelin), Smith (1937) and *Lima* (*Mantellum*) *inflata* (Gmelin), McLean (1951) from Puerto Rico. Authoritative discussions of the subgenus *Mantellum* Röding versus *Limaria* Link are given by Winckworth (1930) and by Hertlein and Strong (1946, Zoologica, vol. 31, pt. 2, No. 55, p. 66).

*Range and distribution.*—*Lima pellucida* C. B. Adams has been found in the Western Atlantic from Florida to northern South America at depths to 128 fathoms. The Eastern Pacific analogue appears to be *L. hemphilli* Hertlein and Strong (1946, pp. 66-67, pl. 1, figs. 3-4) from Monterey, California, to Acapulco, Mexico, in 10-50 fathoms. *L. hemphilli* also occurs as far back as the upper Miocene in California. The curvature of the posterior side is more pronounced on *L. hemphilli* than on *L. pellucida*.

#### ANOMIIDAE

##### **Anomia mareana**, new species

Pl. 17, figs. 9, 10;  
Pl. 18, figs. 4-9

Left valve thin and subtransparent to thin and subtranslucent, irregularly suborbicular to broadly oval in outline. In configuration the left valve is undulatingly flattish to convex, and on some adults the dorsal and ventral margins are so bent over that the lateral profile of the valve is U-shaped. On many specimens there is a broad shallow radial depression before the posterior margin which itself may be upturned. Prodissoconch orbicular, the beak small, pointed, slightly raised, and distinct. Interior of shell slightly nacreous, with a subcentral oblongish patch of calcified white extending from below the ligament to about the middle of the valve where the patch widens. On the patch there are three rather prominent muscle scars, each of the scars offset from the other. The uppermost, or upper byssal scar, is the largest of the three, and is roughly circular in outline, lying in the top center of the patch; the lowest scar, or adductor impression, lies in the lower posterior area of the patch and is broadly ovate, the narrow end of the scar pointing upward;

the smallest scar, representing the lower byssal muscle, is subtriangular to ovate, with the narrow end generally pointing down, and it lies below and a little to the right of the upper byssal scar. The calcified ligamental area is narrowly triangular, with a wide gently arched base, and the fourth muscle impression of the valve at the anterior end of the area is broadly semilunar, the upper edge of the impression lying under or near the anterior basal margin of the ligamental process. The dorsal margins of the valve overhang the ligament a little and are thickened by incremental lamellae. The exterior of all young specimens and most intermediate ones is sculptured by fine concentric lamellae and low vermicular radial ribs and rugae, but on large valves the radial ribs become obsolescent.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (T362b), left valve, height 24.8 mm.; max. width 23.9 mm., thickness 7 mm. Paratype (T362a), left valve, height 36 mm.; max. width 40.2 mm.; thickness 15 mm. Paratype (G362b), left valve, height 25.2 mm.; max. width 26.5 mm.; thickness 1.7 mm. Paratype (J444a), left valve, height 6.3 mm.; max. width 7.7 mm.; thickness 1 mm. Largest specimen, a left valve, height 42 mm.; max. width 46.5 mm.; thickness 8.4 mm. Most highly bent specimen, a left valve, height 19.3 mm.; max. width 28 mm.; thickness 8 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Three left valves.

*Other localities*.—Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Six left valves. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Eleven left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Eight left valves.

*Comparisons*.—Some adult specimens of *A. mareana*, n. sp., on which the radial ribs are obsolescent, closely resemble certain variants of the middle Miocene to Recent *A. simplex* d'Orbigny (1842, p. 367, Atlas, pl. 38, figs. 31-34), but normally *A. mareana* is sculptured by both wavy radial ribs (which are inherent and not due to the influence of *situs*) and concentric lamellae, whereas typically *A. simplex* is a smoothish form marked only by concentric lamellae. Other species to which *A. mareana* exhibits affinity are the following:



*A. peruviana* d'Orbigny (1846, Voyage Amérique Méridonale, vol. 5, pt. 3, Mollusques, P. 673). Recent adult specimens of this west American Pliocene to Recent form which I have seen in the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia are all marked with fairly strong vermicular radiating rugae whereas adults of the Venezuelan fossil *A. mareana* and of *A. simplex* d'Orbigny are smoothish.

*A. subcostata* Conrad (see Hanna, 1926, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 14, No. 18, pp. 460-461, pl. 23, figs. 3-5) from the Pliocene Carrizo formation of California varies in its radial sculpture from strongly plicate to none at all.

*A. venezuelana* Harris ([in] F. Hodson, H. K. Hodson, and Harris, 1927, pp. 43-44, pl. 23, figs. 2-3) from the Miocene and Pliocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela. The adult of *A. venezuelana* is larger than *A. mareana*, n. sp., is more attenuate posteriorly, and has coarser and more prominent radial rugae.

*A. indecisa* Woodring (1925, p. 84, pl. 10, figs. 6-9) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. *A. indecisa* is a small smooth shell which may bear very fine obscure radial threads near the ventral margin. Also the lower byssal and adductor scars lie in a nearly horizontal plane whereas the lower byssal scar of *A. mareana* lies to the right of and higher than the adductor.

*A. glypta* Gardner (1926, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-A, pp. 53-54, pl. 12, figs. 6-7) from the middle Miocene Chipola formation of Florida. The upper byssal scar and lower adductor scar are about the same size, with the former lying almost directly above the adductor. On the Venezuelan *A. mareana*, the upper byssal scar is larger and rounder than the adductor, and lies above and to the right of the adductor.

*A. suwaneensis* Gardner (1926, pp. 54-55, pl. 13, fig. 5) from the middle Miocene Chipola formation of Florida. The ligamental scar is broadly conical or horseshoe-shaped whereas the ligament of *A. mareana* is narrowly and widely triangular.

***Anomia catiana*, new species**

Pl. 19, figs. 2-6;  
Pl. 23, fig. 9

The upper, or left valve of this species is moderately thin, sub-

trigonal, oval, or suborbicular in outline, compressed to convex, some specimens with the umbo so full and bent over that they are gryphaeaform. Prodissoconch orbicular, the beak small and pointed on young shells, appressed on old. Interior with a large, slightly oblique, more or less medial oblongish patch, the anterior edge of the patch fairly straight, the posterior edge arcuate. The muscle impressions on the patch are not visible. Dorsal margin of valve thickened by incremental lamellae, the lateral and ventral margins thin. Ligamental area broadly subconical, not on an elevated process, distinguished by vertical scratches on the inner surface of the valve under the overhang of the dorsal margin. On several examples a strong semilunar muscle impression may be seen touching the anterior end of the ligamental area. The exterior of the valve is shagreened by numerous erratically disposed short shallow grooves, superposed on the feeble concentric undulations or fine, concentric, appressed lamellae. An occasional specimen is marked with faint zigzag or vermicular rugae, and one specimen (K362d), undoubtedly belonging to this species, is sculptured by numerous microscopic crenated radial filaments of about equal size covering the whole of the disk from the umbo down; the umbo itself is smoothish. The character of the right, or attached valve is not known as no examples were found.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (K362a), left valve, height 33 mm.; max. width 32 mm.; thickness 10 mm. Paratype (K362b), left valve, height 32.8 mm.; max. width 38.3 mm.; thickness 7.2 mm. Paratype (K362c), left valve, 31 mm.; max. width 30.2 mm.; thickness 5.5 mm. Paratype (K362d), left valve, height 26.6 mm.; max. width 25 mm.; thickness 4.5 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road, about 95 meters due south of the shoreline. Eleven left valves.

*Other localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), about 220 meters west of W-15, on south side of Playa Grande road. One left valve.

*Comparisons*.—*Anomia catiana*, n. sp. is reminiscent of the middle Eocene *A. lisbonensis* Aldrich (see Harris, 1919, Bull. Am.



Paleont., vol. 6, No. 31, pp. 17-18, pl. 11, figs. 6-10) from Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama. *A. lisbonensis* is variable in shape, with some of the left valves having a pustular surface and others a finely lineate one. The radial lineations of *A. lisbonensis* are in the nature of somewhat irregular hachures, whereas those of *A. catiana* are uninterrupted, regular, faint even under a lens, and equal in size. The surface of the majority of the left valves of *A. catiana*, n. sp. is faintly roughened by a maze of short linear grooves, whereas the faint roughening of *A. lisbonensis* is pustular in aspect. The rare lineate variant of *A. catiana* is reminiscent of the Miocene to Recent *A. aculeata* Gmelin (1791, Syst. Nat., vol. 6, p. 3346), but the lineations are stronger on *A. aculeata*. On the single lineate specimen of *A. catiana*, the fine radial lineations cover the disk but are wanting on the prodissoconch.

**Pododesmus rudis** (Broderip)

Pl. 19, figs. 7, 8;  
Pl. 23, fig. 10

- 1834. *Placunanomia rudis* Broderip, Zool. Soc. London, Proc. for 1834, p. 2.
- 1837. *Pododesmus decipiens* Philippi, [in] Wiegmann, Archiv Naturgeschichte, vol. 1, p. 386, pl. 9, figs. 1a-d.
- 1849. *Placunanomia rudis* Broderip, Gray, Zool. Soc. London, Proc. for 1849, p. 120.
- 1849. *Placunanomia abnormalis* Gray, Zool. Soc. London, Proc. for 1849, p. 121.
- 1859. *Placunanomia echinata* Broderip, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Placunanomia*, pl. 1, sp. 1.
- 1859. *Placunanomia rudis* Broderip, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Placunanomia*, pl. 1, sp. 2.
- 1859. *Placunanomia harfordi* Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Placunanomia*, pl. 2, sp. 8a, 8b.
- 1859. *Placunanomia abnormalis* Gray, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 11, *Placunanomia*, pl. 3, sp. 14a, 14b.
- 1864. *Placunanomia rudis* Broderip, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 137.
- 1878. *Placunanomia echinata* Broderip and *P. rudis* Broderip, Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 16.
- 1884. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Tryon, Structural and Systematic Conchology, vol. 3, p. 294, pl. 131, fig. 77.
- 1886. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Fischer, Manuel de Conchyliologie et de Paléontologie Conchyliologique, p. 932 (1887).
- 1889. *Placunanomia rudis* Broderip, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 32.
- 1898. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 779.
- 1901. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Dall and Simpson, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 469.
- 1920. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, pp. 64-65.

1926. *Pododesmus rudis* ? (Broderip), (Gray), Gardner, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-A, p. 55, pl. 13, fig. 12.
1934. *Pododesmus decipiens* Philippi, and *P. rudis* (Broderip), Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 27.
1937. *Pododesmus decipiens* Philippi, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 37, pl. 10, fig. 13.
1949. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Lange de Morretes, Mus. Paranaense, Arq., vol. 7, art. 1, p. 16.
1951. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 38, pl. 8, fig. 1.
1954. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Abbott, American Seashells, pp. 372-373, pl. 38b.
1955. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Perry and Schwengel, Marine Shells of the Western Coast of Florida, p. 51, pl. 6, fig. 33.
1961. *Pododesmus rudis* (Broderip), Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, pl. 34j.

Left, or upper valve moderately solid, broadly oval to suborbicular, a little convex. Interior subnacreous, with a large oblongish patch of white enamel extending from the ligamental area to a little below the middle of the valve, the posterior margin of the patch ragged but straight, the anterior margin irregularly convex outward. The patch bears two prominent muscle impressions, the large ovate impression of the byssal muscle lying a little above the middle and near the anterior margin of the patch, the smaller adductor muscle impression lying in the lower left area of the patch. The larger impression exhibits faint rays divaricating from the long axis, the smaller marked with long faint striae running obliquely across the central area. The ligamental area is impressed into the enamel, and is semiconical in outline with the outer ends projecting downward as prongs, the horizontal basal edge of the ligamental area lying above but connected with the prongs. The dorsal margins of the left valve are built up by scabrous incremental lamellae; the lateral and ventral margins are irregularly scalloped along the edge and are faintly crenulate within. On the exterior, the beak is small, pointed, and smooth, and lies a short distance from the dorsal margin. The area of the prodissoconch below the beak is sculptured by fine, rather widely spaced crenated vermicular radial threads, these developing on the rest of the disk into irregular, fairly crowded, coarse radial rugae, here and there twisted, between which there are a few minor threads. The rugae are crossed by arched or vaulted scales which are relatively sparse on most of the disk but are much more numerous and stronger toward the foliaceous ventral margin.



What I take to be the attached, or right valve of this species is represented in the collection by a single young broken specimen. This valve is thin, hardly convex, subtransparent, more or less orbicular in outline, and with an undulating surface. The area of the byssal foramen is roundish and but partially open. The exterior of the valve is sculptured by sharp wavy crenated radiating riblets between which are a few minor radiating threadlets. From about the middle of the valve down the primary riblets bear widely spaced short vaulted lamellae or scales open toward the base. The riblets on the posterior side of the right ? valve are a little closer and more strongly crenate than the ones on the anterior side, but on the single specimen the anterior riblets seem more prone to develop the vaulted scales.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen G362a, adult left valve, height 38.2 mm.; width 44.8 mm.; thickness 4.7 mm. Specimen G362c, immature right ? valve, height 10.8 mm.; thickness 2.2 mm.

*Localities.*—Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One large left valve and one small right ? valve.

*Remarks.*—The Venezuelan fossil is believed to be the same as the Recent east American *P. rudis* (Broderip) which is a variable species with respect to shape and scaliness. It is also like the Pliocene to Recent west American *P. macroschisma* (Deshayes) (1839, Soc. Zool. Cuvierienne, Rev., p. 359; also, see Grant and Gale, 1931, San Diego Soc. Nat. Hist., Mem., vol. 1, pp. 241-242, pl. 12, figs 3, 4a, 4b) except for the position of the byssal muscle impression which lies more or less centrally within the enamel patch on *P. macroschisma* but near the anterior margin of the patch on the Venezuelan shell.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *P. rudis* (Broderip) is reported as ranging from Florida to the mouth of La Plata River, South America, in less than 50 fathoms. Gardner reported *P. rudis* from the Pliocene Waccamaw formation of North Carolina and from the middle Miocene Chipola formation of Florida. The identification of the latter, however, is doubtful as the single valve "does not retain enough of its diagnostic characters to make the determination convincing." Gardner's illustration is of a Recent left valve from the Antilles.

## OSTREIDAE

***Ostrea (Ostrea) libella***, new species

Pl. 20, figs. 3, 4;  
Pl. 21, figs. 3-6

Shell small, rudely oval, subtriangular, or subfalcate, the valves subequal, compressed, irregularly undulate. Left, or attached valve with a small, slightly elevated opisthogyal beak, the beak of the right valve appressed. Cartilage process generally short, oblique, and shallow; on one left valve, however, the cartilage channel is narrow and sinuous, and is bordered on each side by a thickened ridge. The inner margins are normally pitted on the left valve and denticulate on the right, though the denticulations are usually slitted at the summit, the slits sometimes breaching the rim of the valve to form an *Isognomon*-like hinge pattern. The pits and denticles are present on the dorso-lateral margins, but they may continue around the ventral margin as well. The kidney-shaped muscle scar is situated posterior to the middle but its orientation depends on the shape of the valve; on most examples it lies normal to the long axis of the valve but sometimes it is parallel with it or transverse to it. The exterior is sculptured by rather coarse irregular concentric lamellae becoming incremental at the base and margins, and on a number of specimens there are gentle radial folds or plicae on the basal half of the valve.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (C351e), left valve, height 11.5 mm.; width 10 mm.; thickness 2.2 mm. Paratype (C351d), right valve, height 13.7 mm.; width 15 mm.; thickness 2 mm. Paratype (C351a), left valve, height 11.4 mm.; width 10 mm.; thickness 2.9 mm.; Specimen C351f, left valve, height 9 mm.; width 6.5 mm.; thickness 3.2 mm. Largest specimen, right valve, height 23 mm.; width 20 mm.; thickness 4.8 mm.

*Type locality*.—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Twenty specimens including at least three left valves and nine right valves, the remainder indeterminate.

*Comparisons*.—This species belongs in the category of such Ostreidae as the Recent Western Atlantic *O. spreta* d'Orbigny (1842, p. 365, pl. 28, fig. 30) and *O. permollis* Sowerby (1841, [in] Reeve, Conch Icon., vol. 28, pl. 10, fig. 18a). *O. spreta*, however, has a more



centrally located muscle scar, and *O. permollis*, which lives commensally in sponges, has a fuller and larger beak, much finer and closer concentric lamellae on the disk, and is wanting in the radial folds which are present on many, although not all specimens of *O. libella*, n. sp. The Recent Western Atlantic *O. cristata* Born (see Dall, 1925, U.S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 66, No. 2554, art. 17, p. 23, pl. 28, figs. 7-8) and *O. equestris* Say (see Dall, 1925, p. 23, pl. 28, Figs. 1, 3) are sometimes placed in synonymy with *O. spreata* d'Orbigny, but as shown by Dall, *O. cristata* is a large shell with strong angular folds, and *O. equestris* has a deep, teardrop-shaped lower (left) valve with a relatively long, acutely tapering cartilage channel.

The La Salina fossil specimens here named *O. libella*, n. sp., are close to certain Recent forms labelled *O. cristata* Born in the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The La Salina fossils are also similar to the Recent *O. cristata* Born from Lake Worth, Florida, as illustrated by McLean in *Notulae Naturae* (page 6, pl. 4, figures 4-7, 1941). However, neither the Venezuelan fossils nor the Recent examples just referred to have the strong angular folds purportedly present on the *O. cristata* of Born. Lamy (1929, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 73, pp. 103-105) stated that of the species referred to *O. cristata* Born by various authors only the Puerto Rican form described by Dall and Simpson (1901, U.S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 464) was the true *O. cristata*. On the other hand, it is stated by Warmke and Abbott (1961, Caribbean Seashells, p. 172) that the Puerto Rican *O. cristata* of Dall and Simpson is *O. equestris* Say. In view of these considerations it seems advisable to give a new name to the La Salina fossil pending clarification of the *O. cristata-equestris-spreata* nomenclatural problem.

*Ostrea cristata* Born is reported living from the Gulf of Mexico and Florida as far south as Uruguay. In the Pleistocene *O. cristata* has been reported from Florida, and from the Paraguaná Peninsula, and the Island of Tortuga, Venezuela.

***Ostrea (Ostrea) pannucea*, new species**

Pl. 22, figs. 1, 2

The description of this species pertains to the right (upper) valve.

Shell small, irregularly flexuous and bent but more or less compressed, varying in outline from suborbicular to ovate to sub-trigonal. Beak appressed, facing the posterior, the apex of the holotype so formed as to indicate that the prodissoconch is orbicular and that its axis is at nearly a right angle with the long axis of the grown valve. The exterior is ridged into smooth irregular corrugations, and is marked by concentric lamellae which are obsolete on the middle of the valve but stronger and incremental at the margins. On the paratype and other specimens, the thin outer layer of shell is worn away revealing faint vermicular radial threads on and below the umbonal area. In the interior, the cartilage area is broad and fairly long, directed opisthogyally, its resilial depression moderately deep. The lateral margins are denticulate for longer or shorter distances from the apex toward the base, and there is the suggestion that the anterior series of denticles start at the top of the beak, the posterior ones at the base of the beak. The muscle scar is semi-circular to elongate-lenticular, depending on the shape of the valve.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (Q349a), right valve, length 13.5 mm.; width 9 mm. Paratype (Q349b), right valve, length 15 mm.; width 12.8 mm. The paratype is the largest of four specimens.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. Four right valves.

*Comparisons*.—In many respects this species is similar to the preceding *O. libella*, n. sp., from La Salina, differing, however, in lacking the radial folds or plicae which are present on the basal half of some of the specimens of *O. libella*. The right valve of *O. libella* is also more coarsely foliated by concentric lamellae, and the cartilage process of that valve is shorter and broader than on the present *O. pannucea*, n. sp. There is considerable resemblance, on their respective right valves, between the nepionic area of *O. pannucea* and *O. democraciana chiriguarana* F. Hodson (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 49, p. 20, pl. 10, fig. 5; pl. 11, figs. 1-3) from the Miocene and Pliocene of the State of Falcon, Venezuela, but the right valve of *O. d. chiriguarana* is larger and much less undulate than that of *O. pannucea*.



***Ostrea (Ostrea) lixula*, new species**

Pl. 22, figs. 3-8

The following description pertains to the right (upper) valve.

Shell of medium size, rather thin, generally subtrigonally ovate, rarely suboval, suborbicular, or subfalcate, flat to medially depressed, the outer surface undulatory to plane. Exterior nonplicate, sculptured by wide, foliaceous appressed concentric lamellae often bearing faint irregular radial riblets and a few narrow obsolete folds. On the interior, the cartilage area is low, short, and broad, directed a little toward the posterior, the resilial depression proper wide and shallow, bordered on either side by a low, rather sharp ridge. The body cavity is not excavated and slopes up to the edge of the cartilage deck, the edge of the deck sinuous and bowed down in the middle. Beak pointed to blunt or truncate. The dorsolateral margins are denticulate, pustulate, or ridged, the nodulations occasionally continuing around the entire ventral margin, although where this occurs they are fainter and more widely separated than above. The muscle scar is large and pyriform, the narrow end of the scar extending high up the valve near the posterior margin.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (0350a), right valve, length 55.4 mm.; width 37 mm. Paratype (0350b), right valve, length 33.5 mm.; width 25.8 mm. Paratype (J347a), right valve, length 32 mm.; width 24.8 mm. Largest specimen, right valve, length 63.2 mm.; width 43.4 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. Eleven right valves.

*Other localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in the vicinity of W-21. Three right valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve.

*Comparisons*.—There are a number of similar species from east and west America. The closest perhaps is *O. freudenbergeri* Hertlein and Jordan (1927, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 16, No. 19, p. 622, pl. 17, fig. 9; pl. 18, fig. 4) (see also Loel and Corey, 1932, California Univ. Publ., Dept. Geol. Sci., vol. 22, No. 3, pp. 190-191, pl. 14, figs. 1a, 1b; pl. 15, figs. 1a, 1b) from the lower Miocene of

Baja California, México, and of the State of California, U.S.A. *O. freudenbergeri*, however, is a larger shell, and the muscle scar of the right valve is semicircular rather than pyriform as on the new Venezuelan species. *O. erici* Hertlein from the middle Pliocene of Baja California is also akin to *O. lixula*, n. sp., but as shown on the hypotype of the species by Durham (1950, Geol. Soc. Amer., Mem. 43, p. 59, pl. 4, fig. 2), the upper valve is more circular than that of *O. lixula*, and the radial riblets seem to be wanting.

*Remarks.*—*Ostrea lixula*, n. sp., is the dominant shell making up the *Ostrea* bed or coquina exposed across the Litoral anticline (see Weisbord, 1957, Geologic Sketch Map and Cross Section F-F'). This bed is six feet thick and is composed nearly entirely of valves of the new species. The oyster shells are firmly cemented at the outcrop trace except at the north end where some specimens have been loosened out naturally from the hard matrix. However, all of the loose shells collected represent the right valve of *O. lixula*, and the species has been described from that.

***Ostrea (Ostrea) caraboboensis*, new species**

Pl. 22, figs. 9, 10;  
Pl. 23, figs. 11, 12

This species is described from the left (attached) valve.

Shell small, deep, oval and slightly arcuate, attached on the posterior side which is flattened irregularly. Apex relatively high, built up incrementally, the beak directed opisthogyally. External sculpture variable, consisting, however, of both irregular concentric lamellae and radial plicae. On the holotype the lamellae, which have a shagreen texture and are somewhat foliaceous, cover nearly exclusively the whole of the valve although there are angular plicae at the basal margin. On the paratype thin sharp radial plicae extend from the umbo to the base and are traversed by closely spaced, coarse concentric lamellae which are arched over the plicae and here and there toward the margins project as spiny scales. Within, the lateral margins are rectangularly pitted, the pits on the paratype continuing feebly around the basal margin. The cartilage area is low, short, and broad, and is crossed by densely packed concentric growth laminae. The body cavity is excavated under the hinge so that the cartilage process is decklike. The muscle scar is large,



posterior, obovate, the basal margin of the scar reaching halfway down the valve, the inner margin of the scar extending to the mid-line of the valve.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (C437a), left valve, height 21 mm.; width 12.3 mm.; thickness 9.5 mm. Paratype (C437b), left valve, height 17.2 mm.; width 11.5 mm.; thickness 8 mm.

*Type locality*.—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Two left valves.

*Comparisons*.—The new species is reminiscent of *O. miguelensis* Hertlein (1928, Jour. Paleont., vol. 2, no. 2, p. 146, pl. 23, figs. 3-6) from the lower Miocene Vaqueros formation of San Miguel Island, California, but differs from that in being radially plicate to a greater or lesser extent.

***Ostrea (Crassostrea) virginica* Gmelin**

Pl. 22, figs. 11, 12

- 1692. *Ostrea virginiana* Lister, *Historiae Conchyl.*, pl. 200, fig. 5.
- 1785. *Ostrea rostrata maxima* Chemnitz, *Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet*, vol. 8, pp. 38-39, pl. 73, fig. 677.
- 1785. *Ostrea crassa* Chemnitz, *Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet*, vol. 8, pp. 40-41, pl. 74, fig. 678.
- 1786. *Ostrea elongata* Solander, *A Catalogue of the Portland Museum*, p. 55. Not Born, 1780, *Testacea Musei Caesarei Vindobonensis*, p. 86.
- 1791. *Ostrea virginica* Gmelin, *Syst. Nat.*, ed. 13, vol. 1, pt. 6, p. 3336.
- 1819. *Ostrea brasiliiana* Lamarck, *An. sans vert.*, vol. 6, p. 205.
- 1819. *Ostrea canadensis* and *Ostrea borealis* Lamarck, *An. sans Vert.*, vol. 6, p. 207.
- 1822. *Ostrea semicylindrica* Say, *Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour.*, 1st ser., vol. 2, p. 228.
- 1822. *Ostrea virginiana* Sowerby, *The Genera of Recent and Fossil Shells*, fig. 2.
- 1836. *Ostrea borealis* Lamarck, Deshayes, *An. sans Vert.*, ed. 2, vol. 7, p. 220.
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*Dimensions*.—Specimen B352b, left valve, length 47.4 mm., width 23.5 mm., thickness 13.4 mm.

*Locality*.—On beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One left valve. The occurrence of the shell at this particular locality is fortuitous, as the beach faces the open sea. However, the species is found in some abundance not too far distant in a brackish water environment, and as the oyster is eaten locally, it is presumed that the valve I collected was dropped on the beach by a bather.

*Range and distribution*.—*O. virginica* Gmelin is an extremely variable species which may date back to the Oligocene. In the Western Atlantic, the living shell has been recorded from Canada to Brazil. In the Pleistocene, *O. virginica* is known in North America from Prince Edward Island (Canada) to Florida and the southern Coastal Plain of the United States, in Central America from the Panamá Canal Zone, and in South America from the Goajira Peninsula and the Island of Tortuga (Venezuela). In the Pliocene it is known from the eastern and southern coastal plain area of the United States, and from México, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Trinidad. In the Miocene it occurs as far north as New Jersey, extending through Maryland and the Carolinas to Florida; farther south the species has been reported in the Miocene of Hispaniola, Venezuela, and Trinidad. The Oligocene occurrence was determined by Hubbard (1920) who described it from the upper Lares limestone in Puerto Rico. Concerning it Hubbard wrote: "The specimens show the usual great variation, but comparison with recent specimens of *O. virginica* shows no constant differences."

***Ostrea* (*Crassostrea*) species**

Pl. 24, figs. 1, 2

The single specimen is a thin left valve, elongate-elliptical in outline, with a broad roughened and slightly concave attachment area, and a steep narrow posterior submargin. Beak appressed, the cartilage area broad, shallow, and obliquely directed toward the posterior. Muscle scar large and suboval, occupying an area a little below the middle of the valve. Inner margins smooth. Color light tan within and without.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B352a, left valve, length 54.5 mm.; width 25.2 mm.; thickness 11 mm.

*Locality*.—On beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One left valve. Like the single specimen of *O. virginica* Gmelin dis-



cussed above, this shell is believed not to have been washed up by the waves at this particular locality but to have been brought in from some more distant area.

*Remarks.*—The shell is too worn for definitive comparison and identification.

***Ostrea (Crassostrea) rhizophorae* Guilding**

Pl. 24, figs. 3, 4

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*Dimensions*.—Figured specimen (B353a), length 76.4 mm.; width 58.7 mm.; thickness 26.5 mm.

*Locality*.—On beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda; one left valve, washed up, or possibly thrown on the beach by some one.

*Remarks*.—Although the solitary valve was found on a sandy, unvegetated beach, it was originally attached to what was probably a mangrove root as the bark is still present on the large attachment area at the umbo.

*Range and distribution*.—*O. rhizophorae* is an edible oyster living in the Caribbean and Western Atlantic south to Brazil. In Puerto Rico, the shell is found mainly in lagoons attached to the aerial roots of mangrove in waters having a temperature of 25°C. to 31°C., a pH reading of 7.4 to 8.2, and a salinity of 37 to 44 parts per mille (Mattox, 1949). The species has been recorded in the Pleistocene of Curaçao and Cuba. The Caribbean *O. rhizophorae* has been referred to by authors as *O. parasitica* Gmelin, but that name is valid only for the Indian Ocean species.



***Ostrea (Alectryonia) vespertina venezuelana*, new subspecies**

Pl. 24, figs. 5-11

1957. *Ostrea* cf. *haitensis* Sowerby, Weisbord, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 38, No. 165, p. 17. Not of Sowerby.

Shell of medium size, coarse, moderately thick, varying in outline from triangularly ovate to subtriangular to subfalcate. Valves unequal, the lower (left) moderately convex, the upper (right) a little smaller and flattish to occasionally moderately concave. Both valves are radially plicate, the left more strongly so than the right, and the plications or folds, which are prominent on the two valves, are crossed by coarse lamellae, which, from the middle of the disk to the base, often form vaulted arches on the summit of the plicae, and become incremental toward the margins. The radial folds are high and sharply triangular, and there are usually five or six of them though there may be as few as four and as many as eight primary ones. On the left valve there are three to five smaller corrugations on the anterior submargin; the posterior submargin of the left valve may bear several obsolete wrinkles below the beak, but generally the posterior submargin of the left valve is sculptured solely by concentric lamellae. On some left valves there is a low broad fold virgating off the major plica next to the posteriormost one, but the rest of the primary folds diverge from below the umbonal area, where the valve is attached, to the base. On the right valve the primary folds diverge from below the beak. In profile the ventral margin is strongly saw-toothed, the plicae of one valve fitting tightly into the valleys of the opposite. On the interior of the left valve the cartilage channel is fairly broad and shallow and directed toward the posterior, and is bordered on each side by, typically, a fairly wide and low swelling. The body cavity is excavated slightly below the deck of the cartilage area, but on some specimens there is no overhang whatsoever at the edge of the deck. The dorso-lateral margins of the left valve are shallowly grooved, and in the grooves there is a series of shallow slot-like pits extending from near the beak to the ventral margin proper. The cartilage area of the right valve is lower and not so well defined as that of the right, and along the dorso-lateral margins there is a series of denticles which engage with the pits of the left valve. The muscle scar

is large, posterior to the middle, and subtriangularly kidney-shaped, the base of the scar bluntly produced and pointing toward the ventral margin.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (N346b), valves attached, height 48 mm.; width 39 mm.; thickness (including the plications) 17 mm. Paratype (N346a), right valve, height 44 mm.; width 31 mm.; thickness (including the plications) 9 mm. Paratype (N346c), right valve, height 60 mm.; width 48 mm.; thickness (including the plications) 21 mm. Paratype (N346d), left valve, height 63 mm., width 57 mm.; thickness (including the plications) 20 mm. Paratype (N346e), left valve, height 39 mm.; width 31 mm.; thickness (including the plications) 11 mm. Largest specimen, a doublet, height 74 mm., width 56 mm.; thickness (including the plications) 35 mm. Smallest paired specimen (Q348a 1-2), left valve, height 23 mm.; width 13 mm.; right valve, height 21.5 mm.; width 12 mm.; thickness of doublet 6.7 mm. This is the most arcuate example of the species in the collection.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-21. Sixty-eight specimens including 38 right valves, 23 left valves, and 1 doublet.

*Other localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Twelve specimens including six left valves, five right valves, and one doublet. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. One doublet. Lower Mare formation at W-13 on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve and one right valve.

*Comparisons*.—This is the shell referred to by me (Weisbord, 1957, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 38, No. 165, p. 17) to *Ostrea* cf. *haitensis* Sowerby, but although it meets Sowerby's generalized description of the original *O. haitensis* from the Dominican Republic, it is not, as can be seen by comparison with the illustrations of the Dominican form by Maury (1917, pl. 31), the same species. *O.*



*haitensis* Sowerby (1849, Geol. Soc. London Quart. Jour., vol. 6, p. 56) is a larger and more broadly oval shell than *O. vespertina venezuelana*, n. subsp., and has more numerous folds which, instead of being straightish and sharply angular, are somewhat vermicular. The Cabo Blanco subspecies does, however, closely resemble certain variants of *O. vespertina* Conrad (1854, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 2 p. 300), particularly the *O. vespertina* illustrated by Arnold (1909, U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 396, pp. 76-79, pl. 24, figs. 4-5) from the Etchegoin formation (Pliocene) of California and the hypotype of *O. vespertina* figured by Hanna (1926, California Acad. Sci. Proc., ser. 4, vol. 14, no. 18, pp. 468-469, pl. 26, figs. 1-3) from the Pliocene of Coyote Mountain, California. *O. vespertina vespertina*, and the synonymous *veatchii* Gabb (1866, Geol. Survey California, Palaeontology, vol. 2, p. 34, pl. 11, fig. 59), ranges chronologically from the upper Miocene to the Pleistocene, and geographically from California to Baja California, Méxio. Some authors have placed *O. vespertina* and *O. veatchii* in synonymy with *O. haitensis* Sowerby, but, as pointed out by Arnold (1909, p. 78), after examination of the material in the U. S. National Museum, "*O. vespertina* is smaller, relatively much narrower, and usually more falcate in outline and carries plaits more regular in size and generally fewer in number than *O. haitensis*." In the eastern United States and Caribbean area *O. haitensis* is reported from the Oligocene of Puerto Rico, the Miocene of Cuba and Peru, the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Colombia, and Venezuela, the upper Miocene of Florida, Venezuela, and Trinidad, and the Pliocene in the Paraguaná Peninsula, Venezuela.

The following are east American and Caribbean fossil species to which the new Venezuelan subspecies exhibits affinity:

*O. sculpturata* Conrad (1840, Fossils of the Medial Tertiary of the United States, p. 50, pl. 25, fig. 3). Later Miocene from Virginia to Florida; Pliocene from North Carolina to Florida. This has a more elongate and more lenticular muscle scar than *O. v. venezuelana*.

*O. sculpturata osculum* Pilsbry and Brown (1917, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia Proc., vol. 69, p. 40, pl. 6, figs. 2, 2a). Middle Miocene, Colombia. Typically, this has two deep angular plications

on each valve whereas the fewest plications on *O. v. venezuelana* are four.

*O. gatunensis* Brown and Pilsbry (1911, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 63, p. 366, pl. 29, figs. 1-2). Middle Miocene of the Isthmus of Panamá. This is a larger and more oval form than *O. v. venezuelana*, and the plications are lower and more vermiform.

*O. meridionalis* Heilprin (1887, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 1, p. 100, pl. 14, figs. 35, 35a). Pliocene of Florida. This is more orbicular than the Venezuelan *O. v. venezuelana*, the plications are not so pronounced, and the pits and denticles on the dorso-lateral margins seem to be wanting.

*O. tamiamiensis monroensis* Mansfield (1931, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 170-D, pp. 46-47, pl. 14, fig. 2; pl. 15, figs. 1-4). Upper Miocene of Florida. This also lacks the pits and denticles on the dorso-lateral margins, and the muscle scar is rudely oval rather than kidney-shaped as on *O. v. venezuelana*.

*Remarks.*—*Ostrea vespertina venezuelana*, n. subsp. is abundant at station W-21 where it occurs in a weathered, soft, fine-grained sandstone about two feet thick. This bed is underlain by a tan sandstone with irregular knobby masses of hard sandstone, and is overlain by about 15 feet of dull, soft, gray to tan siltstone containing knobby masses and branch- or trunk-like cylinders of hard sandstone which are interpreted to be casts of fossil mangrove. The *O. v. venezuelana* bed lies 150 feet stratigraphically higher than the *Ostrea* bed [*O. lixula*, n. sp.] whose trace around the plunge of the Litoral anticline is shown on the geologic map in my paper (Weisbord, 1957) dealing with the geology of the Cabo Blanco area.

***Ostrea* (*Alectryonia* ?) *caboblanquensis*, new species** Pl. 25, figs. 1-6

The following description pertains to the right valve.

Shell moderately large and sturdy, a little convex, rudely sub-orbicular or subtrigonally ovate. The upper part of the disk is generally irregularly undulatory and gnarly, but rarely a large area of the disk may be relatively smooth and scored with faint irregular radial grooves. The base and sides of the valves are sculptured by radial plicae arising well below the umbo and becoming progres-



sively more prominent toward the margins. The plicae or folds (of which there are about 20 on the largest specimen) are fairly high, and angular to subrounded. Crossing them are coarse concentric lamellae. In the interior, the cartilage area is short, broad, and fairly straight; the resilial depression is subcentral and exceedingly shallow, and extends a little lower than the sides of the cartilage area. The body cavity is not excavated under the deck edge of the cartilage area but is flush with it. The muscle scar is large for the size of the shell, broadly ovate, subovate or oval in outline, clearly defined, lying generally normal to the long axis of the valve, the forward end reaching the center of the valve. The dorso-lateral margins are closely corrugated, shagreened, or pitted by small ridglets, pustules or indentations, these continuing over the beak. Immature right valves are thin, undulatory and gnarled over most of the disk, but at the margins the undulations tend to develop into plicae. On the more circular specimens the posterior dorsal margin forms an obtuse angle with the side of the beak.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (S346a), right valve, height (beak to base) 61.5 mm.; width 59.7 mm.; thickness 14 mm. Paratype (O346a), right valve, height 51 mm.; width 43 mm.; thickness 12.7 mm. Largest specimen, right valve, height 96 mm.; width 78 mm.; thickness 27 mm. Paratype (M430a), juvenile right valve, height 9 mm.; width 10 mm.; thickness 2 mm.

*Type locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three right valves.

*Other localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-22, on dip slope 100 meters west of Costa fault. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of the coast road at east end of Catia La Mar. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. One juvenile right valve. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three right valves, two of them immature. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve, a juvenile.

*Comparisons.*—It is sometimes difficult to differentiate certain individual variants of this species from the preceding *O. vespertina venezuelana* n. subsp., but on right valves of the same size, the muscle scar of *O. caboblanquensis* is always the larger and the more cleanly outlined. As with other fossil oysters from Cabo Blanco, the nearest related species are those from west America, among them such forms as the Miocene to Recent *O. fisheri* Dall (1914, Nautilus, vol. 28, p. 1) (see Durham, 1950, Geol. Soc. Amer., Mem. 43, p. 59, pl. 6, figs. 1, 4; and Keen, 1958, p. 66, fig. 121) and the lower and middle Miocene *O. vespertina loeli* Hertlein (1928, Jour. Paleont., vol. 2, p. 144, pl. 22, figs. 2-3) (see Loel and Corey, 1934, Univ. California Publ., Dept. Geol. Sci., vol. 22, No. 3, pp. 193-194, pl. 16, figs. 1a, 1b, 2; pl. 17, figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 3). In east America and the Caribbean area a related species is *O. haitensis* Sowerby (1849, p. 53), that ranging from Oligocene to Pliocene. On all of the above-mentioned forms, however, the radial plicae extend from the umbonal area to the base whereas on *O. caboblanquensis* they arise relatively near the margins.

*Remarks.*—The juvenile right valve (M430a) tentatively referred to this species, is small, thin, moderately inflated, slightly oblique, a little wider than high, and broadly oval in outline, with rounded margins except immediately below the posterior side of the beak where the edge of the valve takes a right-angled turn. The beak is relatively full and nearly erect. The exterior is gently corrugated or gnarled by a few folds, and is sculptured by faint but fairly regular concentric ridges on the umbo and at the margins. In the interior, the cartilage area is hardly developed, and directed posteriorly. The dorsolateral margins at the apex are denticulate, with eight or nine denticles on the forward side and four larger ones on the posterior side; below the lowest posterior denticle, at the abrupt turn of the margin, there is a fairly pronounced depression. The muscle scar is faint, large, and orbicular, and is situated high up the posterior side. The marginal plicae characteristic of the adult are not present.

***Ostrea (Agerostrea ?) antecursor*, new species**

Pl. 25, figs. 7, 8

The following description pertains to the right (upper) valve.



Shell compressed, of medium size, sturdy throughout but with the anterior margin thickened more than the posterior, the holotype gently arcuate, the paratype distinctly falcate or sickle-shaped. Beak and umbo appressed. Outer surface sculptured by six or so angular to subrounded radial folds, most of them arising near the umbo, one or two of them originating near the margin, all of them attaining their maximum amplitude at the margins. Concentric markings consisting of lamellae, these smooth, appressed and faint on much of the surface but higher and incremental near and at the margins. Internally, the flattened cartilage area is short, broad, and directed posteriorly, the resilial channel proper broad and hardly depressed. Lateral margins denticulate, the denticles on the holotype extending from the beak to near the base; on the paratype, the denticles extend about halfway down the posterior margin but only a fourth of the way down on the anterior margin. The muscle scar is fairly large, slightly impressed, pyriform, cleanly and evenly outlined, situated near the posterior margin but reaching to about the center of the valve, the posterior margin of the scar long and straight, the narrow end pointing upward.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (R348a), right valve, length 44.4 mm.; width 25 mm. Paratype (R348b), right valve, length 40 mm.; width 24 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas about 125 meters upstream from its junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Two right valves.

*Comparisons*.—This oyster is allied to and may be a predecessor of the widespread *O. megodon* Hanley. It is also akin to a number of other forms which themselves appear to be related to *O. megodon*, and these are listed below:

*O. megodon* Hanley (1846, Zool. Soc. London Proc. for 1845, pt. 13, p. 106) (see Keen, 1958, p. 66, fig. 123). Middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Venezuela; Pliocene of Venezuela, Ecuador, Baja California (México), and California; Pleistocene of Baja California; and Recent from Baja California to Sechura Bay, Peru. The plicae of *O. megodon* arise near the margin, whereas on the Venezuelan shell they arise at the umbo.

*O. locklini* Gardner (1945, Nautilus, vol. 59, No. 2, pp. 39-40, pl. 4, figs. 3-4; pl. 5, figs. 1-2). Upper Miocene, from dredging off Snell Island, St. Petersburg, Florida. The Venezuelan shell is so close to the Floridan oyster that I would call it the same were it not for the absence of the radial folds on the middle of the right valve of *O. locklini*. It is stated by Gardner that on some individuals the marginal folds do originate on the umbonal area, but these occur on the left or lower valve.

*O. messor* Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 233-234, pl. 10, figs. 3-4). Upper Miocene, Trinidad. Maury gave this name to *megodon*-like oysters from the Antilles, differentiating *O. messor* from *O. megodon* by the smaller shell and fewer plications of the former. The Cabo Blanco *O. antecursor*, n. sp. may be distinguished from *O. messor* by having plicae which extend toward the beak whereas much of the surface of *O. messor* is not corrugated.

*O. messor caimitica* Maury (1925, pp. 234-235, pl. 11, fig. 6; pl. 12, fig. 6). Miocene, Trinidad. This is like *O. messor* s. s. but with fewer, weaker, and more rounded plications.

*O. messor colombiensis* Weisbord (1929, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 14, No. 54, pp. 244-245, pl. 2, figs. 8-9). Middle Miocene, Colombia. Only the left valve of *O. m. colombiensis* is available for comparison with the right valve of the Venezuelan *O. antecursor*.

The right valve of *O. antecursor* is characterized by having a thicker anterior margin than the posterior. This enables the right valve to be differentiated from the right valve of falcate specimens of *O. vespertina venezuelana*, n. subsp. on which both margins are about the same in thickness.

## CRASSATELLIDAE

### ***Eucrassatella* (*Hybolophus*) *antillarum* (Reeve)**

Pl. 25, figs. 9, 10

1841. *Crassatella rostrata* Delessert (*non* Lamarck), Recueil de coquilles décrites par Lamarck, pl. 4, figs. 2-3.  
1842. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Zool. Soc. London, Proc., pt. 10, p. 44.  
1843. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Hanley, An Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of Recent Bivalve Shells, p. 37.



- 1843. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Conch., Icon., vol. 1, *Crassatella*, pl. 2, sp. 8.
- 1847. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Nyst, Acad. Roy. Belgique, Bull., vol. 14, pt. 2, p. 120.
- 1862. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Chenu, Manuel de Conchyliologie et de Paléontologie Conchyliologique, vol. 2, p. 131, fig. 623.
- 1864. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 122.
- 1872. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Tryon, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 24, p. 130, 249.
- 1872. *Crassatella Adelinae* Tryon, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 24, pp. 130, 249, pl. 6, fig. 1.
- 1881. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Kobelt, Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet, vol. 10, pt. 1A, pp. 7-8, pl. 3, figs. 1-2.
- 1884. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Tryon, Structural and Systematic Conchology, vol. 3, p. 224, pl. 123, fig. 64.
- 1886. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Dall, Mus. Comp. Zool., vol. 12, No. 6, p. 257.
- 1890. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 3, p. 492.
- 1903. *Crassatellites antillarum* (Reeve), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1475.
- 1900. *Crassatella antillarum* Reeve, Dautzenberg, Soc. Zool. France, Mém., vol. 13, p. 243.
- 1913. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Lamy, Mus. Nat. Hist. nat. Paris, Bull., vol. 19, No. 2, p. 104.
- 1916. *Crassatella Antillarum* Reeve, Lamy, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 62, pp. 202, 216-217, 222, figs. on p. 202.
- 1930. *Eucrassatella (Hybolophus) antillara*, Stewart, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Spec. Publ., No. 3, p. 139.
- 1931. *Crassatellites antillarum* (Reeve), Grant and Gale, San Diego Soc. Nat. Hist., Mem., vol. 1, p. 271, pl. 13, figs. 7a, 7b.
- 1943. *Eucrassatella antillarum* (Reeve), Rutsch, Naturforschenden Gesell. Basel, Verhandl., vol. 4, p. 116.
- 1951. *Eucrassatella (Hybolophus) antillarum* (Reeve), Rogers, The Shell Book, pp. 369, 501.
- 1961. *Eucrassatella (Hybolophus) antillarum* (Reeve), Olsson, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 180.

The following description pertains to the right valve.

Shell of medium size and sturdiness, subtriangular, inequilateral, slightly convex, somewhat attenuate posteriorly. Antero-dorsal margin hardly concave, anterior margin sharply rounded, ventral margin shallowly rounded and gracefully embayed posteriorly, posterior margin rather short and obliquely truncate, postero-dorsal margin concave. Umbo flattened at apex. The apical region, representing the nepionic shell or prodissoconch, is smooth in a tiny area at the point of the beak, but immediately below the beak there are a number of fine, regular, concentric ridgelets followed by half a dozen or so distant concentric waves with finer striae

between them; the remainder of the valve is relatively smooth although marked with obsolete concentric lineations. Posterior dorsal area bounded by a subangular radial ridge or keel, in front of which there is a broad shallow radial depression or sulcus narrowing toward, but not reaching the beak; about halfway between the ridge and the border of the escutcheon is a second radial ridge diverging from the side of the beak, and between the two ridges is a narrow sulcus extending from the apex to the posterior truncation. The escutcheon is large, sublanceolate, somewhat sunken, defined from the posterior rostration by a fine incision. The lunule is elongate, narrow, shallow, and ill-defined. Within, the anterior dorso-lateral tooth bordering the anterior cardinal tooth is narrow, moderately long and deeply grooved. The cardinal process is composed of a large, subtriangular, posterior socket and a deep, narrow, oblique, anterior socket, the sockets lying on either side of the medial cardinal tooth. Adherent to the posterior side of the middle cardinal tooth is a thick lamina which separates from the tooth at its lower end forming a low thin wall near the tooth within the main socket. Both sides of the medial cardinal tooth, and the inner side of the anterior cardinal tooth are scored by sharp grooves. The base of the hinge plate is gently sinuous, and the valve is excavated below the edge of the plate. Muscle scars impressed, the anterior one reniform, the posterior subcircularly pyriform. Pallial line sub-parallel with the ventral margin, joining the adductor scars at the base, the line generally making a dog-leg bend just before joining the posterior scar. The inner margins of the valve are smooth, and on all specimens there is a rather pronounced pit above the superior end of the anterior adductor impression.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen I488a, right valve, length 41 mm.; height 28.7 mm.; thickness at umbo 6.7 mm. Specimen H488b, right valve, length 34 mm.; height 23 mm.; thickness at umbo 6.1 mm.

*Localities*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two right valves. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two right valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One hinge fragment of a large right valve.



*Remarks.*—On Recent specimens of *E. antillarum* from the type locality of Margarita Island, Venezuela, the ventral margin is embayed considerably more on adolescents than on adults, and it is with the smaller Recent examples that the right valves of the Cabo Blanco fossils are identical. Also, on most of the Recent specimens of *E. antillarum* in the collection at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the escutcheon of the right valve is larger than that on the left. The habitat of Tryon's *E. adelinae* was unknown when that species was described in 1872, but it was subsequently determined to be also from Margarita Island in Venezuela. In comparing the types of *E. adelinae* and *E. antillarum* from the type locality of Margarita in the Academy's collection I was unable to discern any significant difference, and I believe them to be the same. The west American analogue of *E. antillarum* is the Pleistocene to Recent *E. digueti* (Lamy) (1917, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 62, No. 4, p. 217).

*Range and distribution.*—*Eucrassatella antillarum* ranges from Pliocene to Recent. The Recent shell is known from the island of Margarita, Venezuela, but will doubtless be found elsewhere along the northern coast of South America. As a fossil, *E. antillarum* was reported by Grant and Gale from the Pliocene or Pleistocene near Santa Rosalía on the eastern side of Baja California, México. The fossil *E. antillarum* also occurs in strata of probable Pliocene age near Cumaná, State of Sucre, Venezuela (Collection No. 18409, U. S. National Museum).

***Crassinella aduncata*, new species**

Pl. 25, figs. 11-14

Shell small, moderately thin, somewhat inflated, subequivalve, inequilateral, subtrigonal to veneridiform in outline, the beak small, opisthogyrate, sharp, and slightly hooked. Anterior dorsal margin convex, posterior dorsal margin truncate to hardly concave, ventral margin well rounded. Escutcheon of right valve smooth, fairly long, subtriangular, slightly sunken, bounded by the subangulate rim of the disk, the inner edge of the escutcheon sharp and straight. Lunule a linear ill-defined, shallow groove. Exterior sculptured by 13 to 18 regular concentric ribs, the ribs low and smooth, rounded

over most of the disk but sometimes a little sharper at the beak and anterior submargin, and generally closer together toward the base than at the umbos. Rarely, some of the ribs are engraved by a microscopic concentric groove, but the interspaces generally are smooth. Interior of valves smooth at the margins. Hinge of right valve with two simple cardinal teeth, the anterior one larger and higher than the posterior. The narrow lateral tooth or groove of the right valve extends along the anterior dorsal margin to about opposite the middle of the anterior adductor scar, the edge of the escutcheon of the opposite valve fitting into that. On the left valve the narrow lateral tooth or groove lies along the edge of of the escutcheon, and the escutcheon itself seems a trifle narrower and less developed than on the right valve. Anterior muscle scar oval, the posterior orbicular. Pallial line simple, entire, well removed from the margin, joining the muscle scars on their inner side near the base.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (1485a), right valve, height 2.3 mm.; width 2.7 mm.; approx. thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (1485b), left valve, height 1.9 mm.; width 2.1 mm.; approx. thickness 0.6 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two right valves and two left valves.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve and one left valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-south-west of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two right valves and one left valve.

*Comparisons*.—The most notable character of the new species is its venerid outline. The nearest relative with respect to shape and internal morphology is *C. nansemondensis* Gardner (1943, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 199-A, p. 64, pl. 13, figs. 18, 28) from the upper Miocene in the State of Virginia, U.S.A., that species differing from *C. aduncata*, n. sp. in being more robust and in having a narrower, more linear escutcheon. Other species which are similar in external sculpture are the Recent *C. mactracea* (Linsley) (1845, Amer. Jour. Sci. and Arts., vol. 48, No. 2, art. 6, p. 275, text figs. at bottom of page); the Recent West Indian *C. martinicensis*



(d'Orbigny) (1842, [in] La Sagra, Hist. phys., polit. et nat. l'Ile de Cuba, pp. 288-289, pl. 27, figs. 21-23); *C. dupliniana* Dall (1903, pp. 1478-1479, pl. 50, figs. 5-6) from the upper Miocene and Pliocene from Maryland to Florida; *C. xena* Woodring (1925, p. 98, pl. 12, figs. 5-6) from the middle Miocene Bowden formation of Jamaica; and *C. cahuitensis* Palmer (1923, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 40, p. 12, pl. 2, fig. 2) from the Uscari shale (lower Miocene) encountered in the Cahuita well, 22 miles southeast of Limon, Costa Rica, between 3818 and 3861 feet. *C. mactracea*, *C. martinicensis*, and *C. dupliniana* are higher and more trigonal than the new species; *C. xena* is fuller than *C. aduncata* and is rounded-triangular in shape; *C. cahuitensis* is more compressed than *C. aduncata*, and its posterodorsal margin is more concave.

***Crassinella triquetra*, new species**

Pl. 26, figs. 1, 2

This species is described from a single, well-preserved left valve.

Shell small, moderately sturdy, somewhat inflated, inequilateral, subangularly trigonal in outline, the left valve with a radial posterior depression starting narrowly below the umbo and shallowly broadening to the base. Anterodorsal margin with a pronounced bend at the umbo, ventral margin well rounded except posteriorly where it is embayed slightly to conform with the radial depression, posterodorsal margin subtruncate. Beak opisthogyrate, somewhat hooked. Escutcheon of left valve fairly long, semioval, a little sunken, bounded by the low subangulate edge of the disk. Lunule long, semi-elliptical, hardly depressed. Exterior sculptured by about 18 smooth low regular concentric ribs, the ribs rather broad and gently rounded over most of the disk but narrower, sharper, and fainter at the umbo. Interior of valve smooth at the margins. Hinge of left valve with a strong elevated cardinal tooth and a deep triangular socket adjacent to it. The posterior lateral tooth is a narrow, moderately deep groove extending from near the beak along the inner edge of the escutcheon to the curve of the ventral margin. At the beak, the posterior lateral tooth and the escutcheon edge are fused into the posterior cardinal tooth. The anterior lateral tooth is represented by a faint narrow shallow sulcus along the anterior margin of the valve. Anterior muscle scar reniform, the posterior one not clear but seem-

ingly roughly oval. Pallial line simple, entire, well removed from the ventral margin, joining the muscle scars on their inner side at the base.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (1486a), left valve, height 3 mm.; width 2.9 mm.; approx. thickness 0.9 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve, the holotype.

*Remarks*.—The distinguishing characters of *C. triquetra*, n. sp. are the shallow but distinct radial depression in front of the posterior submargin, and the subangulate curve of the anterodorsal margin. The shell occurs together with the preceding-described *C. aduncata*, n. sp., but differs from that in its more trigonal outline as well as in the characters mentioned above.

## CARDITIDAE

### *Cardita (Carditamera) gracilis* Shuttleworth

Pl. 26, figs. 3-17

- 1856. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 5, p. 173.
- 1864. *Trapezium (Cypricardia) gracilis* (Shuttleworth), Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 123.
- 1888. ? *Cardita* (?) sp. Schepman, [in] Martin, Bericht über eine Reise nach Nederlandisch West-Indien und darauf gegründete Studien, Leiden. Pt. 2. Geologische Studien, appendix.
- 1888. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Clessin, Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet, vol. 10, pt. 1, p. 45, pl. 10, figs. 4-5.
- 1889. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 46.
- 1902. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Dall, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 54, p. 702.
- 1920. *Cardita (Carditamera) gracilis* Shuttleworth, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 79.
- 1934. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 38.
- 1936. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Lermond, Check List of Florida Marine Shells, Gulfport, p. 6.
- 1937. ? *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 44, pl. 11, fig. 9.
- 1946. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Hertlein and Strong, Zoologica, vol. 31, pt. 3, No. 8, p. 108.
- 1951. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 54, pl. 10, fig. 7.
- 1954. *Cardita (Carditamera) gracilis* Shuttleworth, Abbott, American Seashells, p. 378.
- 1958. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Olsson and McGinty, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 39, No. 177, p. 20.
- 1961. *Cardita gracilis* Shuttleworth, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 174, pl. 35d.



This species occurs both living and fossil in the Cabo Blanco area. The rather thin shell is elongate-trapezoidal, moderately compressed, inequilateral, equivalve, broadly and roundly rostrate behind, slightly depressed medially, narrowish at the anterior end, subulate at the posterodorsal end. Anterior margin acutely rounded. ventral margin straight to a little embayed, posterior margin rounded below, obliquely subtruncate above. Radial ribs averaging 17 in number, crossed by concentric lamellae of varying degree of coarseness and scaliness. The anterior three or four radial ribs are strongly and regularly corded concentrically; the next three ribs are flattish, low, and relatively smooth, often rendered bipartite by a faint sulcus, with the posterior margin of these ribs a little higher than the anterior; as the posterior rostration or swelling is approached, the ribs become progressively more and more asymmetrically angulate, and are coarsely imbricated by the now incremental lamellae. The posterior rostration is sculptured by four large, elevated, imbricated and scaly radial ribs which are nodulous where weathered, the rostration starting at the thirteenth rib from the anterior end. The imbrications and scales are rather thick, the latter forming high vaulted projecting arches over the ribs. On the posterior alation there is always a single low scaly minor rib followed by one or two scaly ribs of intermediate size to the posterior hinge margin. At the umbos, the radial ribs are faintly beaded. On well-preserved Recent specimens the external surface is also marked by numerous delicate microscopic radial filaments decussated by minute spines. Interior radially corrugated by the ribs except at the anterior end. Lunule deep, small, broadly cordate. Escutcheon long and narrow, the ligament external. Adductor scars broadly reniform, the anterior one definitely impressed, the posterior one not impressed. Pallial line faint, entire, and straight except at the rear where it curves up to join the base of the posterior adductor scar. The right anterior cardinal tooth fits into the broadly triangular socket of the left valve, and the posterior cardinal tooth of the left valve is sturdier than the anterior tooth of the socket. Anterior half of the exterior of the Recent shell is cream-colored with rows of light brown maculations, whereas the posterior half is drab gray. Interior of valves subnacreous and mostly white except at the posterior end which is a deep shiny purplish chocolate; the posterior lateral tooth is also stained a dark brown.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen A540a1-2, a doublet, height 11.8 mm.; length 26 mm.; thickness (valves attached) 10 mm. Specimen A540b, a doublet, height 9.1 mm.; length 19.5 mm.; thickness (valves attached) 6.7 mm. Largest specimen, a doublet, height 15.5 mm.; length 34.8 mm.; thickness (valves attached) 14.1 mm. Specimen D540a, right valve, height 11 mm.; length 23 mm.; thickness 5.8 mm. Specimen D540b, left valve, height 7.2 mm.; length 14.4 mm.; thickness 3.1 mm. Specimen J540a, right valve, height 8.2 mm.; length 17.4 mm.; thickness 3.2 mm. Specimen J540b, left valve, height 9.1 mm.; length 18.1 mm.; thickness 4.1 mm. Specimen 1541a, infantile left valve, height 1.4 mm.; length 2.4 mm., approx. thickness 0.5 mm. (The identification of this specimen is somewhat in doubt.)

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Seventy-nine specimens including 24 right valves, 22 left valves, and 33 doublets. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. Nine specimens including four right valves and five left valves. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One infantile left valve. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve and one left valve.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *C. gracilis* ranges from southwest Florida to northern South America. Its occurrence in the Abisinia formation (Pleistocene ?) and Mare formation (Pliocene ?) is the first record as a fossil, although this might be the species from Cabo Blanco referred to by Martin (1888) as *Cardita* (?) sp.

*Remarks.*—The nearest east American relative of *C. gracilis* is the Miocene *C. protracta-aculeata-recta* tribe of Conrad (see Glenn, 1904, Maryland Geol. Sur., Miocene, pp. 343-344, pl. 91, figs. 4-6) from the State of Maryland, U. S. A. These integrating forms differ but slightly from *C. gracilis* in being a little more robust and in having a less truncate posterodorsal margin. Other east American counterparts are the Pliocene to Recent *C. floridana* Conrad (see Dall, 1903, p. 1415, pl. 56, fig. 11) which is more inflated than *C. gracilis* and has a crenulate inner margin, and *C. arata* (Conrad) (1832, Fossil Shells of the Tertiary Formations of North America, vol. 1, p. 20, pl. 5, fig. 2), occurring in the



Miocene and Pliocene from New Jersey to Florida, which also has a strongly crenulate inner margin. West American analogues are the upper Pliocene to Recent *C. affinis* Sowerby (1833, Zool. Soc. London, Proc., p. 195) and the Pleistocene to Recent *C. radiata* Sowerby (1833, *Ibid*, p. 195). As illustrated by Keen (1958), *C. affinis* is a coarser shell than *C. gracilis*, and *C. radiata* is not narrowed in front as is *C. gracilis*.

**Venericardia (Glyptoactis) wendellwoodringi**, new species

Pl. 26, figs. 18, 19; Pl. 27, figs. 1-10

1889. *Cardita ajar* Bruguière, Lorie, Samml. Geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, ser. 2, vol. 1, pp. 121, 141. Not of Bruguière.

This species occurs in two variants, one of which is thick-shelled highly inflated, subrhomboidal, and with high umbos, the other slightly thinner, moderately inflated, suboval, and with relatively low umbos. In other respects the forms are alike and seem to represent the same species.

Shell of medium size and equivalve, the beak full, sharp, prosogyrate, and a little forward of the middle. Anterior margin well rounded, ventral margin shallowly convex, posterior margin hardly curved to subtruncate. Radial ribs averaging 25 in number, the ribs elevated, squarish and nodulated, the interspaces about as wide as the ribs, and "U"-shaped to "V"-shaped in cross section. The nodules are most pronounced on the anterior and posterior submargins of the valves, occurring there as rounded to transverse beads. In general the nodules are somewhat fainter and more uniform on the disk of the left valve than of the right, but on the right valve several of the ribs posterior to the middle bear fainter nodules than the ribs anterior to the middle. On both valves the umbos are more closely beaded than the disk proper. On well-preserved specimens, the interspaces and sides of the ribs are seen with a lens to be lined by crowded microscopic concentric striae. The termini of the ribs at the ventral margin are serrated and fluted, and the inner margins of the valve are strongly crenulate. The crenulations are short, flat, and broad, and coincide with the interspaces of the external ribs; at the ventral margin proper the crenulations are usually shallowly bifid, and at their base are prolonged

into a short sloping ridge which unites with the end of the trough of the interspace. Anterior adductor scar elongate-lenticular, the posterior broadly pyriform. Pallial line simple, entire, joining the adductor scars at the base. Lunule small, depressed, broadly cordate, bounded by a narrow groove. Escutcheon area scythe-shaped and moderately deep. Right median cardinal tooth an expansive, flange-like process, upcurved a little at the edge and with a steep forward wall, the upper surface strongly scored with transverse grooves, the small but deep funnel-like socket, in front of the tooth lying directly below the beak; forward of the right socket, on the margin of the right valve, there is a smaller and shallower pit. The left median cardinal tooth is also strongly scored, and the socket in front of it is obliquely triangular; the left anterior cardinal tooth is upright, and the blunted tip is bent a little toward the beak.

Juvenile specimens of this species are relatively compressed and lucinid in outline, with an extended, well-rounded anterior margin, a shallowly rounded ventral margin and a nearly truncate posterior margin. The closely and regularly beaded ribs are low and broad, and are separated by much narrower interspaces. These infant shells resemble certain species of the subgenus *Pleuromeris* Conrad.

This fine shell is named in honor of Wendell P. Woodring for his classical works on the paleontology and stratigraphy of the Caribbean area.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (T493a), adult right valve, height 24.2 mm.; width 23.9 mm.; thickness 11.2 mm. Paratype (T493b), young left valve, height 11.7 mm.; width 12.1 mm.; thickness 4.1 mm. Paratype (1493b), adult left valve, height 18.2 mm.; width 20.2 mm.; thickness 7 mm. Paratype (1493a), young valve, height 11.1 mm.; width 12 mm.; thickness 4.3 mm. Specimen T494a, juvenile left valve, height 3 mm.; width 3 mm.; thickness 1.2 mm. Specimen T494a, juvenile right valve, height 4.7 mm., width 4.8 mm. Specimen 5494a, juvenile left valve, height 6.5 mm.; width 6.6 mm.; thickness 2.1 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Eighty-eight



specimens including forty-one right valves and forty-seven left valves.

*Other localities.*—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Five specimens including four left valves and one right valve. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Five specimens including four left valves and one right valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One hundred twenty-eight specimens including 74 left valves and 54 right valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One juvenile right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Sixteen specimens including ten left valves and six right valves.

*Remarks.*—This is one of the more abundant species in the Mare formation of the Cabo Blanco area. The subgeneric classification under *Glyptoactis* is from Stewart (1930, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Spec. Publ. 3, pp. 151-152). Typically, shells of this subgenus have tripartite or terraced ribs, but as suggested by Verastegui (1953, Palaeontographica Americana, vol. 3, No. 25, 434-435), certain late Tertiary species of *Glyptoactis* may show a want of this character. The Cabo Blanco shell referred to as *Cardita ajar* Bruguière by Lorié is probably *V. wendellwoodringi*, n. sp. and not of Bruguière as *C. ajar* is an Eastern Atlantic species from West Africa.

*Comparisons.*—*Venericardia wendellwoodringi*, n. sp. is of the same genre as *V. hadra* Dall (1903, pp. 1429-1430, pl. 53, figs. 11, 13) and *V. himerta* Dall (1900, pl. 40, fig. 16; 1903, p. 1430, pl. 53, fig. 12) from the middle Miocene of Florida, but both of those have fewer ribs than the Cabo Blanco shell. *V. serricosta* (Heilprin) (1887, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 1, pp. 117-118, pl. 16, fig. 64) from the lower Miocene of Florida also has fewer ribs (about 16), and is more elongate than the new species. Juveniles of *V. wendellwoodringi* closely resemble the young of *V. granulata* Say (1824, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., 1st ser., vol. 4, p. 142, pl. 12, fig. 1) from the Miocene of Maryland (see Glenn, 1904, Maryland Geol. Sur., Miocene, pp. 344-345, pl. 91, fig. 10),

but is discriminated from *V. granulata* by the truncate posterior margin. "*Venericardia*" *waynensis* Mansfield (1940, Jour. Paleont., vol. 14, No. 3, pp. 189-190, pl. 25, figs. 9, 10, 18) from the lower Miocene Chickasawhay marl of Alabama and Mississippi differs from *V. wendellwoodringi* in having "a radial thread developed in the adult at the base of each rib." *V. vicksburgiana* Dall (1903, p. 1428, pl. 56, fig. 6) from the Oligocene of Florida is a good deal like *V. wendellwoodringi* in the character of the ribs but is a more orbicular shell. Compared with Caribbean species, the juvenile *C. wendellwoodringi* resembles *V. acaris* Dall (see Woodring, 1925, p. 102, pl. 12, figs. 10-12) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica, but the Venezuelan shell has 25 ribs compared with 18 on the Jamaican shell. Among adult forms, the nearest relative of *V. wendellwoodringi* is the middle Miocene *V. dominica* Weisbord (1929, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 14, No. 54, pp. 249-250, pl. 2, fig. 12; pl. 13, figs. 10-11) from Colombia and the Dominican Republic, the latter, however, having 18 to 21 ribs, as compared with 24 to 27 on *V. wendellwoodringi*.

### DREISSENIIDAE

#### *Mytilopsis leucophaeatus* ? Conrad

Pl. 27, figs. 11, 12

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- 1858. *Mytilus americana* (Récluz MS), Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 10, *Mytilus*, pl. 10, sp. 43.
- 1858. *Dreissena americana* (Récluz MS), Fischer, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 7, ser. 2, p. 131.
- 1858. *Dreissena riisei* (Dunker MS), Fischer, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 7, ser. 2, p. 133.
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- 1874. *Dreissena leucophaeata* (Conrad), Tryon, American Marine Conchology, p. 190, pl. 40, fig. 424.
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- 1889. *Dreissensia leucophaeata* (Conrad), Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. , p. 69.
- 1898. *Congerina leucophaeata* (Conrad), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 808-809 (part).
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1934. *Congeria leucophaeata* (Conrad), Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 29.
1935. *Dreissensia* (*Mytilopsis*) *leucophaeata* (Conrad), Richards, Jour. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 3, p. 256.
1936. *Congeria leucophaeata* (Conrad), McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 1, p. 40.
1937. *Congeria leucophaeata* (Conrad), Rehder, Nautilus, vol. 50, No. 4, p. 143.
1937. *Mytilopsis leucophaeata* (Conrad), Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, pp. 39-40, pl. 11, fig. 3a, 3b.
1941. *Mytilopsis leucophaeata* (Conrad), Andrews, Nautilus, vol. 54, No. 1, p. 25.
1942. *Mytilopsis leucophaeata* (Conrad), Jaume and Pérez Farfante, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 16, No. 1, p. 39.
1949. *Dreissensia leucophaeata* (Conrad), Hertlein and Hanna, Southern California Acad. Sci., Bull., vol. 48, pt. 1, p. 18.
1954. *Congeria* (*Mytilopsis*) *leucophaeata* (Conrad), Abbott, American Seashells, p. 382.
1958. *Mytilopsis leucophaeata* (Conrad), Olsson and McGinty, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 39, No. 177, p. 20.

Venezuelan shell of medium size, thin, mytiliform, flattened and subalate dorsally, the dorsum proper inflated, the ventral slope steep. Dorsal outline subangulate a little forward of the middle, the anterodorsal margin slightly sinuous, the posterodorsal margin subtruncate to hardly concave, the posterior end angularly rounded, the ventral margin nearly straight except below the beak where it is rather sharply incurved. Beak terminal, subacute, somewhat hooked. Anterior adductor impression seated on the apical septum, the septum of medium size, its hind margin thickened and evenly arcuate. Attached to the dorsal underside of the septum, and extending a short distance under the anterior dorsal margin, there is a cuneate lamina which bears the scar of the anterior retractor muscle. Internal margins are smooth, the part around the front of the septum is reflected and liplike. A shallow and rather narrow ligamental groove extends along the anterodorsal margin of the valve from the beak to the wing. Exterior marked with a few broad concentric undulations reflected in the interior and numerous concentric laminae, and, on the inflated area of the back, there are several exceedingly vague radial riblets which seem to lie on the dorsal half, the radii extending from the umbo to a little below the middle of the valve. Of the three specimens, one is bleached a more or less uniform cream color within and without.

The other two are rudely and concentrically banded in gray-black to brown and white in the interior, the exterior of one being slate-blue on the dorsum and dull white with a little slate-blue and brown elsewhere, the other concentrically banded in dull brown and white.

*Dimensions*.—Figured specimen (B557a), right valve, length 32 mm.; max. width 14.5 mm.; thickness 6.6 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Three right valves.

*Range and distribution*.—The Recent *M. leucophaeatus* is said to range from the lower reaches of the Hudson River in New York State to the West Indies, Central America, and northern South America. It lives in brackish, fresh, or marine water, the marine shells seeming to attain a larger size. As a fossil, *M. leucophaeatus* has been reported from the Pleistocene of Louisiana (in well samples), Florida, and Cuba.

*Remarks*.—Conrad described this species as follows:

Shell incurved, white, with a very rugose epidermis; anterior side much depressed; hinge margin excavated, with the teeth obsolete; on the posterior side, under the beaks, is a pointed laminar tooth directed inward.

Cab. Academy, No. 1453.

Inhabits the southern coast of the U. S.

Found attached by its byssus, to the *Ostrea virginica*. Mr. William Riley presented me with several specimens, and informs me that he observed great numbers of them between the shells of two attached oysters.

I was unable to locate the type at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, but in the Recent collection at the Academy there are forms labelled *M. leucophaeatus* from Jacmal and Aux Cayes, Haiti, with which the Venezuelan shell is identical. However, both the Haitian and Venezuelan shells are more pointed anteriorly than Conrad's illustration of the original species.

Following are other Neogene to Recent American species of *Mytilopsis*:

*Mytilopsis adamsi* Morrison, 1946, Smithsonian Misc. Collections, vol. 106, No. 6, pp. 46-47, pl. 1, figs. 4, 7. Recent, San José Island, 60 miles south of Panamá, Panamá. The dorsal margin is evenly rounded whereas that of the Venezuelan *M. leucophaeatus* is subangulate. Also the beak of the Venezuelan shell is a little more hooked.



*Mytilopsis cira* Pilsbry and Olsson, 1935, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 87, p. 19, pl. 5, fig. 2. La Cira formation (upper Oligocene-Lower Miocene), Colombia. This has a sharp umbonal ridge.

*Mytilus cochleatus* Kickx, 1835, Acad. Roy. Sci. Bruxelles, Bull., vol. 2, p. 235. Recent; reported from the Atlantic side of the Panamá Canal Zone. This may be *Mytilopsis leucophaeatus* or a variant, as the true *M. cochleatus* is European.

*Dreissena cumingiana* (Dunker ms.) (see Fischer, 1858, Jour. Conchyl., sér. 2, vol. 7, p. 131). Recent, Mississippi River. This may be the same as *Mytilopsis tenebrosus* (Reeve) (1858, Conch. Icon., vol. 10, *Mytilus*, pl. 10, sp. 46).

*Dreissensia dalli* Joukowsky, 1906, Soc. Phys. et Hist. Nat. Genève, Mém., vol. 35, pt. 2, p. 171, pl. 6, figs. 1-5. South of Macaracas, Panamá. Miocene or Pliocene. This is smaller, relatively broader, and more triangular in outline than the Venezuelan *M. leucophaeatus*?

*Dreissena domingensis* Récluz, 1852, Jour. Conchyl., sér. 1, vol. 3, p. 255, pl. 10, fig. 8. Recent, Haiti; middle Miocene, Dominican Republic *fide* Maury (1917, p. 359, pl. 39, fig. 5). Maury's fossil is much more alate, and the dorsal margin higher and more arcuate than the Venezuelan Recent shell referred to *M. leucophaeatus*. Maury's *M. domingensis* is probably not the same as Récluz' *M. domingensis* as the latter is characterized by a strong embayment under the beak and a shallowly concave ventral margin.

*Praxis ecuadoriana* Clessin, 1879, Malakozool. Blätter, n. F., vol. 1, pp. 180-181, pl. 15, figs. 8a, b. Recent, Cayapas River, Esmeraldas Province, Ecuador.

*Dreissena gundlachi* Dunker, 1858, Novitates Conchologicae, Abtheilung 2, Mollusca Marina. Recent, Cuba. This is a relatively small, triangular species with a rounded keel running the length of the shell above the ventral margin.

*Mytilopsis jamaicensis* Woodring, 1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 86-87, pl. 10, figs. 13-14. Middle Miocene, Jamaica. Closely resembles *M. leucophaeatus* Conrad and *M. cochleatus* (Kickx).

*Congeria lamellata* Dall, 1898, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans.,

vol. 3, pt. 4, pp. 809-810, pl. 35, figs. 13-15. Pliocene, Florida. This has a wider and deeper ligamental groove than *M. leucophaeatus*.

*Praxis milleri* Clessin, 1879, Malakozool. Blätter, n. F., vol. 1, p. 179, pl. 15, figs. 7a, b. Recent, Rio Verde, Esmeraldas Province, Ecuador. The dorsal margin is more evenly rounded than on *M. leucophaeatus*.

*Dreissena mörchiana* (Dunker), [in] Fischer, 1858, Jour. Conchyl., sér. 2, vol. 7, pp. 132-133. Reeve's illustration (1858, Conch. Icon., vol. 10, Pl. 10, sp. 51) indicates that this species is closely related to *M. leucophaeatus*.

*Dreissena pfeifferi* (Dunker), [in] Fischer, 1958, Jour. Conchyl., sér. 2, vol. 7, p. 132. Recent, Cuba.

*Dreissena rossmässleri* (Dunker) (see Fischer, 1858, Jour. Conchyl., sér. 2, vol. 7, p. 132). Recent, Florida to Brazil. "It is distinguishable from the common *leucophaeata* by its more triangular anteriorly flattened, heavier shell" (Dall, 1898, p. 809).

*Dreissena sallei* Récluz, 1849. Rev. et Mag. Zool., sér. 2, vol. 1, p. 69; 1852, Jour. Conchyl., sér. 1, vol. 3, p. 255, pl. 10, fig. 9. Recent, Rio Dulce, Guatemala: The dorsal margin is well and evenly rounded, and the beak is more hooked than that of *M. leucophaeatus*. See Tryon, 1884, Structural and Systematic Conchology, p. 266, pl. 129, fig. 22.

*Mytilus sallei* Reeve, 1858, Conch. Icon., vol. 10, pl. sp. 44. Not of Récluz. Recent, West Indies. According to Dall (1898, p. 809) Reeve's *M. sallei* is Dunker's *M. rossmässleri*.

*Dresseina* (*Mytiloides*) *scripta* Conrad, 1874, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 26, pp. 29, 83, pl. 1, figs. 12, 16. Pliocene, Pebas clay, Brazil. The dorsal margin of the adult forms an angle of about 110 degrees.

*Mytilopsis singewaldi* Pilsbry, 1944, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 96, p. 147, pl. 11, figs. 35-36. Upper Oligocene-lower Miocene, Pachitea River, Peru.

*Septifer trautwineana* Tryon, 1866, Amer. Jour. Conch., vol. 2, pt. 4, No. 5, p. 302, pl. 20, fig. 8. Recent, San Juan River, Colombia. This is more angulate than *M. leucophaeatus* on the dorsal margin, and it has a furrow separating the dorsum proper from the wing.

*Mytilopsis zeteki* Hertlein and Hanna, 1949, Southern Cali-



fornia Acad. Sci., Bull., vol. 48, pt. 1, pp. 15-16, figs. 1-4. Recent, Miraflores Locks, Panamá Canal Zone. The myophore under the septum is larger than on *M. leucophaeatus*, and the dorsal margin is more evenly rounded. Olsson and McGinty (1958, p. 20) reported *M. zeteki* from Colon on the Atlantic side of Panamá

### DIPLODONTIDAE

**Diplodonta (Diplodonta) mareana**, new species

Pl. 27, figs. 13, 14

Shell small, thin, translucent, suborbicular, a little wider than high, subequilateral, the disk slightly inflated, the submargins rather strongly sloping, the anterior submargin broader than the posterior. Anterodorsal margin hardly convex, anterior end well rounded and somewhat produced at the curve with the ventral margin, the ventral margin hardly rounded in front of the middle but well rounded at the posterior, the posterodorsal margin truncate, fairly long, and gently inclined from the horizontal. Umbo triangular, the beak subcentral. The upper half of the single specimen is vitreous, the lower half scored by fine sharp concentric grooves. Reflected through the shell, but visible through a lens and in certain light, are ephemeral radii. The surface is also covered by numerous microscopic punctations which are eroded off much of the umbonal area but still present on the lower part of the disk, the punctations showing through to the interior. Anterior cardinal of left valve cuneate, sharply bifid, protrusive, the posterior cardinal small and platy, the socket between the cardinals triangular and deep. The laterals of the left valve are feeble and close to the cardinals. The left posterior adductor scar cannot be seen; the left anterior adductor scar is also difficult to see, but if I make it out correctly it appears to be large and ovate. The pallial line is obscure but is probably entire throughout, joining the anterior scar at the base. The inner margin of the valve is smooth.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (J428a), left valve, height 3.7 mm.; width 3.8 mm.; approx. thickness 0.9 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo; One left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—The distinctive characters of *D. mareana*, n. sp.

are the relatively compressed disk and what seems to be an unusually large anterior muscle scar. Analogous species, most of them more obese than the immature Cabo Blanco shell, are the following:

*D. punctata* (Say) (1822, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., new ser., vol. 2, p. 308). See Dall (1900, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, p. 1187) for synonymy. Pliocene? to Recent. The living shell is reported from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. Dall placed *D. venezuelensis* Dunker in synonymy with *D. punctata*, but other authors, among them C. W. Johnson (1934, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 41), considered them as separate species. *D. venezuelensis* is more globose than *D. punctata*, and both of these are more inflated than *D. mareana*, n. sp.

*D. punctulata* (H. C. Lea) (1843, Amer. Philos. Soc. Trans., new ser., vol. 9, p. 240, pl. 34, fig. 18). Upper Miocene at Petersburg, Virginia, U.S.A. This, like *D. mareana*, n. sp., is a diaphanous shell with a minutely punctulate surface; however, it is more convex than *D. mareana*, and there is no mention, in the original description, of the presence of the ephemeral radii that can be perceived on the Cabo Blanco shell.

*D. gabbi* Dall (see Woodring, 1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, p. 131, pl. 18, figs. 1-3). Lower-middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, middle Miocene of Jamaica, Recent in the West Indies. The posterodorsal margin slopes down from the beak at a greater angle from the horizontal than on *D. mareana*.

*D. semiaspera* Philippi (see McLean, 1951, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 67, pl. 13, fig. 9). Recent, North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. This is more tumid and more distinctly pustulose than *D. mareana*.

*D. subquadrata* Carpenter (see Hertlein and Strong, 1947, Zoologica, vol. 31, pt. 4, No. 10, pp. 130-131, pl. 1, fig. 11). Upper Pliocene to Recent, west America. The living shell ranges from Baja California to the Galapagos Islands, and is found in the intertidal zone to depths of 75 fathoms. Typically, *D. subquadrata* is more angular in outline than *D. mareana*, n. sp. *D. subquadrata* Carpenter was reported from the Miocene of the Dominican Republic by Gabb (1873, Amer. Philos. Soc., Trans., new ser., vol. 15, p. 252) but that shell is now known as *D. gabbi* Dall.



**Diplodonta (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera Philippi**

Pl. 23, fig. 13

1836. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Arch. f. Naturg., vol. 2, pt. 1, p. 225, pl. 7, figs. 2a-2d.
1845. *Lucina granulosa* C. B. Adams, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 2, pp. 9-10.
1846. *Lucina semireticulata* d'Orbigny, Voyage dans L'Amérique Méridionale, vol. 5, pt. 3, Mollusques, p. 584, pl. 84, figs. 7-9.
1852. *Lucina granulosa* C. B. Adams, Contrib. to Conch., No. 12, p. 245.
1864. *Diplodonta [sic] semiaspera* ? Philippi, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 122.
1872. ? *Mysia semireticulata* (d'Orbigny), Tryon, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 24, p. 95.
1878. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 15.
1878. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Arango y Molina, Contribución a la Fauna Malacológica Cubana, p. 257.
1889. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 66.
1889. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 52.
1900. *Diplodonta (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* Philippi, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, p. 1188.
1901. *Diplodonta (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* Philippi, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1237, p. 794.
1920. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 92.
1934. *Taras (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* (Philippi), Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 40.
1935. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Richards, Jour. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 2, p. 256.
1936. *Taras (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* (Philippi), Clench and McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 10, No. 3, p. 164.
1936. *Taras semiaspera* (Philippi), Lermond, Check List of Florida Marine Shells, Gulfport, p. 20.
1942. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Jaume and Pérez Farfante, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey", Mem., vol. 16, No. 1, p. 39.
1949. *Taras (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* (Philippi), Lange de Morretes, Mus. Paranaense, Arq., vol. 7, art. 1, p. 31.
1950. *Lucina granulosa* C. B. Adams, Clench and Turner, Occas. Papers on Mollusks, vol. 1, No. 15, p. 289, pl. 46, figs. 3-4.
1951. *Taras (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* (Philippi), McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 67, pl. 13, fig. 6.
1954. *Diplodonta (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* Philippi, Abbott, American Sea-shells, p. 383.
1955. *Taras (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* (Philippi), Perry and Schwengel, Marine Shells of the Western Coast of Florida, p. 63, pl. 40, fig. 290.
1956. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Parker, Amer. Assoc. Petrol. Geol., Bull., vol. 40, No. 2, pp. 308, 315, 370, pl. 3, figs. 3a, 3b.
1958. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Olsson and McGinty, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 39, No. 177, p. 20.
1958. *Diplodonta (Phlyctiderma) semiaspera* Philippi, Abbott, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 11, pp. 118-119, pl. 4g, 4h.
1959. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, p. 10.
1959. *Diplodonta semiaspera* Philippi, Parker, Amer. Assoc. Petrol. Geol., Bull., vol. 43, p. 2161.

1961. *Diplodonta* cf. *semiaspera* Philippi, van Regteren Altena, Koninkl. Nederl. Wetensch.-Amsterdam, Proc., ser. B, vol. 64, No. 2, p. 299.  
 1961. *Diplodonta* (*Phlyctiderma*) *semiaspera* Philippi, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 175, pl. 35L.

The Recent Venezuelan shell is suborbicular, thin, and well inflated. The sculpture consists of fine, irregular, concentric lineations and numerous concentric rows of small punctations. The adductor scars are large and relatively long, the anterior one lenticular, the posterior more or less elliptical. The shell is whitish, with the interior a pale lemon yellow below. The surface is encrusted here and there by calcareous algae and bryozoa.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A66a, left valve, height 10 mm.; width 11 mm., thickness 5 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One left valve.

*Range and distribution*.—The living shell is found at moderate depths from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. As a fossil, *D. semiaspera* Philippi has been reported from the Pleistocene of Cuba and St. Kitts, and from the Pliocene of Florida.

## LUCINIDAE

### *Lucina* (*Cavilinga*) *trisulcata blanda* (Dall and Simpson)

Pl. 28, figs. 1-4

1901. *Phacoides* (*Cavilucina*) *trisulcatus* Conrad var. *blandus* Dall, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, pp. 493-494, pl. 58, fig. 13.  
 1920. *Phacoides* (*Cavilucina*) *trisulcatus blandus* Dall, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 86.  
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Shell small, obliquely suborbicular, inflated, with a rather pronounced but shallow radial depression posteriorly, and with a narrow shallow anterior groove extending from well below the beak to the union of the anterodorsal and ventral margins. Anterior end



somewhat produced and rounded, the posterior end subtruncate, the ventral margin rounded. Umbo full and rather large, the beak high, a little behind the median line, pointed forward. Lunule deeply concave, broadly cordate, sharply defined, the inner edge of the lunule also deeply concave. Ligamental groove narrowly elliptical. Surface below prodissoconch sculptured by regular flattened concentric ribs separated by linear interspaces, the prodissoconch itself marked by evenly spaced fine concentric riblets. The disk proper is characterized by one or more resting stages, and here and there on the ribs and in the interspaces there seem to be extremely vague radial striae under the lens and in certain light. On the prodissoconch there are roughly 30 concentric riblets, and below the prodissoconch about 38 concentric ribs. All of the concentric markings are much more feebly displayed in the posterior depression. Hinge of left valve with two rather closely spaced and slightly divergent cardinal teeth, and both the anterior and posterior lateral teeth are bifid, the anterior lateral with a faint sulcus on the upper ridge. Anterior muscle scar elongate, slightly arcuate and lozenge-shaped, the posterior scar somewhat more distinct and rudely ovate. Pallial line simple but raggedy, uniting with the anterior adductor scar at about the middle of the outer border, and joining the posterior one at the base. The inner margin is finely and regularly denticulate from in front of the lunule to the rear of the ligamental area.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen I528a, left valve, height 7.2 mm.; width 7.4 mm., thickness 2.3 mm. Specimen J427a, left valve, height 9.3 mm., width 9.2 mm.; thickness 2.6 mm.

*Localities*.—Lower Mare formation near W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve.

*Remarks*.—The Venezuelan fossil here referred to *L. trisulcata blanda* is slightly broader than the typical Recent shell from Puerto Rico but is indistinguishable from suborbicular variants of that species. Other forms to which the Venezuelan fossil exhibits affinity are the following:

*L. trisulcata trisulcata* (Conrad) (see Gardner, 1926, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-C, pp. 108-109, pl. 18, figs. 11-13 and

Olsson and Harbison, 1953, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 8, pp. 85-86, pl. 7, figs. 4, 4a, 4b). Miocene to Recent. The inner edge of the lunule is not so depressed as on the Venezuelan shell.

*L. trisulcata multistriata* Conrad (see Mansfield, 1932, Florida State Geol. Sur., Bull. No. 8, pp. 96-97, pl. 20, figs. 15-16 and Gardner, 1943, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 199-A, pp. 76-77, pl. 13, Figs. 25-26). Upper Miocene of Virginia, the Carolinas, and Florida. The lunule is more deeply sunken, the posterior depression more pronounced, and the anterior lateral of the left valve stouter than on the Venezuelan fossil.

*L. parawhitfieldi* (Gardner) (1926, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-C, pp. 109-110, pl. 18, figs. 14-15) is less inflated than *L. t. blanda*, but otherwise there is a marked similarity between the two. *L. parawhitfieldi* occurs in the middle Miocene of Florida.

*L. crenulata* Conrad (1845, Fossils of the Medial Tertiary of the United States, p. 39, pl. 20, fig. 2). Middle to late Miocene from New Jersey to Florida, U.S.A. The concentric ribs are finer than on *L. t. blanda*, and there are distinct closely spaced radial threads.

*L. occurrens* (Dall) (see Woodring, 1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 122-123, pl. 16, figs. 7-8). Middle Miocene, Bowden, Jamaica. The Venezuelan shell is less inequilateral, and the concentric ribs are stronger.

*L. prolongata* Carpenter (see Olsson, 1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 210, pl. 31, figs. 8, 8a, 10-10b). Recent, Mazatlan, Mexico to Ecuador. This is more strongly inequilateral than *L. t. blanda*.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *Lucina* (*Cavilinga*) *trisulcata blanda* (Dall and Simpson) has been reported only from Puerto Rico. The present notice constitutes a new record of its occurrence as a fossil in northern South America.

#### **Lucina (Callucina ?) species**

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The single broken specimen is small and slightly inflated, with a fairly low, smooth umbo and a moderately shallow cordate lunule. The sculpture consists, below the umbo, of fine closely spaced concentric laminae, but there are no radial markings. The right anterior



cardinal is small and rudimentary, the right posterior stout, the socket between them triangular and deep. Right anterior lateral heavy, corrugated by a sulcus on the face, the posterior lateral as well as the margins and base of the valve broken away. Ligamental groove opisthodetic, fairly deep, sublinear.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen R525a, fragment of right valve, height 1.7 mm.; width 1.5 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas, approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas: One broken right valve.

*Remarks*.—Except for its smaller size, this is reminiscent of the Recent *L. bermudensis* (Dall) (1901, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1237, p. 825, pl. 39, fig. 5), but there is too little to go on for a definitive comparison.

***Lucina (Bellucina) katherinepalmerae*, new species** Pl. 28, figs. 7, 8

Shell small, obliquely suboval, a little inflated, but with a flattish posterior submargin. Anterodorsal margin somewhat concave, anterior end gently rounded, ventral margin produced and well rounded, posterior margin truncate, posterodorsal margin hardly convex. Umbo moderately full, the beak subcentral, low, directed forward. Lunule cordate, moderately concave. Primary radial costae about 13, the three or so on the anterior submargin indistinct, the ones on the disk proper low and broad, most of them doubled near the base by a faint groove. The posterior submargin is fairly wide and devoid of radial markings, but there is a bipartite costa bordering on the posterior margin. In the shallow intercostal areas of the disk there are one or two minor radial riblets. Rather prominent concentric lirae cross the entire surface, those on the umbo lamellar and imparting a cancellate effect, the others coarse and cordlike. On the posteriormost costa and on the one bordering the posterior submargin, the lirae rise into scalelike or subspinose prominences. Right valve with two unequal cardinal teeth, the central one much the stouter and with a triangular socket on either side, the anterior socket the deeper. Lateral teeth well developed, the anterior one

higher and longer than the posterior. Inner margin obscurely undulatory, marked with fine, closely spaced crenulations. Anterior muscle scar of right valve elongate and lozenge-shaped, the posterior scar seemingly reniform, lying immediately below the posterior lateral. Pallial line simple, entire, joining the outer edge of the anterior adductor scar at the base, and joining the posterior scar a little in from the center of the base.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (H526a), right valve, height 5 mm.; width 4.4 mm.; thickness 1.9 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve, the holotype.

*Remarks*.—This rare shell is named in honor of Dr. Katherine Van Winkle Palmer, Director of the Paleontological Research Institution.

*Comparisons*.—The nearest living relative is *L. nux* Verrill and Bush (1900, Connecticut Acad. Arts and Sci., Trans., vol. 10, art. 12, pp. 518-519, pl. 58, figs. 12-13) from the Bermudas. That species, however, is more regularly oval than *L. katherinepalmerae*, differs in details of sculpture, and is not flattened posteriorly. The Pleistocene and Recent *L. amiantus* Dall (1901, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1237, pp. 826-827, pl. 39, fig. 10) from east America, and the Pleistocene and Recent *L. cancellaris* Philippi (see Durham, 1950, Geol. Soc. Amer., Mem. 43, p. 75, pl. 18, figs. 8, 13) from west America are both wider than high, whereas *L. katherinepalmerae* is higher than wide. The Pliocene *L. waccamawensis* Dall (1903, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1386, pl. 52, fig. 2) from North and South Carolina, U.S.A., and the upper Miocene *L. tuomeyi* Dall (1903, pp. 1385-1386, pl. 52, fig. 1) from the Carolinas and Florida are more broadly costate than *L. katherinepalmeri*, and *L. waccamawensis* has nine or ten radial ribs, *L. tuomeyi* seven to nine. *L. nereidideditus* Maury (1910, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 4, No. 21, p. 154, pl. 9, fig. 5) from the Miocene at Oak Grove, Florida, is sculptured much like *L. katherinepalmerae* but is a more orbicular shell, with a more concave anterodorsal margin and a more prominent posterior alation.



**Lucina (Parvilucina) ephraimi**, new species

Pl. 28, figs. 9-12;

Pl. 29, figs. 1-6

Shell small, fairly plump, slightly oblique, subangularly orbicular, moderately depressed posteriorly, feebly depressed anteriorly. Anterodorsal margin concave, anterior end more or less rounded, ventral margin a little produced and subangularly rounded in front of the middle, posterior end truncate, posterodorsal margin hardly convex. Beak smooth, low, subcentral, directed forward, touching the top of the cardinal process. Lunule elongate-cordate, moderately concave. Surface sculptured by 23 to 28 usually entire radial ribs crossed by fine slightly elevated concentric laminae. The relatively strong ribs are low and regular, are separated by narrower interspaces, do not extend to the beak, and are absent on the submargins. The concentric laminae are widely spaced above but become progressively closer, though not crowded, toward the base; the laminae traverse both the ribs and interspaces, impart a cancellate pattern on the upper half of the disk, and are generally higher and lamellose on the submargins. Hinge sturdy, the anterior cardinal tooth a little larger than the posterior cardinal on the left valve, the posterior cardinal much stouter than the anterior on the right valve, the laterals well developed on both valves. Inner margin evenly crenulate. Anterior muscle scar relatively long and arcuate, the posterior scar more or less oval. Pallial line simple, entire, subangulate in contour, joining the outer margin of the anterior muscle scar a short distance above the base, and joining the inner margin of the posterior muscle scar at the base.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (R521a), right valve, height 4.9 mm.; width 4.9 mm.; thickness 1.8 mm. Paratype (R521c), left valve, height 4.9 mm.; width 4.9 mm.; thickness 1.6 mm. Paratype (R521b), right valve, height 4 mm.; width 4 mm.; thickness 1.7 mm. Paratype G521b, young right valve, height 2 mm.; width 2.1 mm. Paratype G521c, young left valve, height 2.9 mm.; width 2.9 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas, approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Sixteen specimens including nine right valves and seven left valves.

*Other localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline; three left valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas; Two left valves and one right valve. Mare formation at W-14 on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twenty-six specimens including 13 right valves, 12 left valves, and one doublet.

*Remarks.*—This new species is named in honor of Dr. E[phraim] Laurence Palmer, well-known naturalist, and professor for many years at Cornell University.

*Comparisons.*—Similar species are the following:

*L. multilineata* Tuomey and Holmes (see Mansfield, 1932, Florida Geol. Sur., Bull. No. 8, pp. 101-102, pl. 20, figs. 6-7). Middle-upper Miocene to Recent; living from North Carolina to the West Indies, near shore to 120 fathoms. The radiating ribs are finer and the concentric threads closer than on *L. ephraimi*.

*L. pectinella* C. B. Adams (see Clench and Turner, 1950, Occas. Papers on Mollusks, vol. 1, No. 15, p. 324, pl. 46, figs. 9-10; also Dall and Simpson, 1901, U. S. Fish Com. Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 492, pl. 58, fig. 9). Recent, West Indies. The hinge line after the beak diverges at a lesser angle from the horizontal than on *L. ephraimi*, and the Recent shell is slightly taller than the Venezuelan fossil.

*L. fontis* (Maury) (1920, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34 pp. 89-90 pl. 1). Upper Miocene ?, Knapp's No. 1 well, Terrebone Parish, Louisiana at 2000-2150 and 2250-2450 feet. The Venezuelan shell is close to *L. fontis* but is not so sturdy nor as coarsely sculptured, and the anterodorsal margin is less concave than on the Louisiana species. Also, *L. ephraimi* has two unequal cardinal teeth on the right valve (with the anterior tooth much the smaller), whereas *L. fontis* is described as having but a single cardinal, and is so illustrated; it may be, however, that the anterior cardinal of *L. fontis* is vestigial, and merges with the inner edge of the lunule.

*L. yaquensis* Gabb (see Maury, 1917, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, No. 29, p. 370, pl. 35, fig. 8). Middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic. The sculpture of the Dominican fossil consists of delicate,



raised concentric laminae and almost obsolete radial riblets. The radials of *L. ephraimi* are pronounced.

*L. sphaeriolus* (Dall) (1903, Wagner Free Inst., Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1382, pl. 52, fig. 15). Chipola formation (middle Miocene) of Florida. This is wider than *L. ephraimi*, and the radial sculpture is less regular.

*L. approximata* (Dall) (1901, U.S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1237, pp. 828-829, pl. 39, fig. 4). Upper Pliocene to Recent, southern California to Panamá. The description and illustration of the type indicate that the beak is fuller and higher, and the ribs broader than on *L. ephraimi*.

*L. diktyota* (Gardner) (1936, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 14, pp. 26-27, pl. 5, figs. 2-3). Middle Miocene, Walton County, Florida. The concentric lirae are a little stronger, the anterodorsal margin is a little less concave, and the dentition is stronger than on *L. ephraimi*.

***Lucina* (Parvilucina) *multilineata* Tuomey and Holmes Pl. 29, figs. 7, 8**

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- 1860. *Lucina multilineata* Tuomey and Holmes, Holmes, Post-Pleiocene Fossils of South Carolina, p. 30, pl. 6, fig. 6.
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Shell small, thin, moderately inflated and somewhat humped, suborbicular, slightly depressed posteriorly, the depression defined from the disk by a feeble radial ridge. Anterodorsal margin concave, anterior end somewhat extended and rounded, ventral margin shallowly rounded, posterior end truncate, posterodorsal margin straight, inclined from the horizontal about 40 degrees. Umbo full, moderately high, the beak slightly aft of center. Lunule cordate, moderately concave, smooth. Ligament opisthodetic, linear. Concentric sculpture consisting of thin, regular, closely spaced concentric lirae separated by scarcely wider interspaces, the lirae becoming laminar on the anterior submargin and frankly lamellose on the posterior depression. The concentric lirae override and minutely



cancellate the faint regular sublinear radii of the disk, the radials obsolete on the umbo and anterior submargin, and absent on the posterior depression. Anterior cardinal tooth of right valve thin and small, the posterior tooth also relatively small but robust and cuneiform. Anterior lateral tooth of right valve relatively short but stout, and crudely corrugated on the face, the right posterior lateral tooth a little longer and thinner as well as smooth. Inner margin gently crenulate, the crenulations distinct from the anterior lateral tooth to the posterior corner of the ventral margin, but much smaller and submicroscopic on the posterior margin proper. Muscle scars indistinct, the anterior one somewhat arcuate and narrowly lozenge-shaped but not overly long, the posterior scar seemingly rudely oval. Pallial line not visible on the single specimen.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen R524a, right valve, height 3.1 mm.; width 3.3 mm.; approx. thickness 1.2 mm.

*Locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One small right valve.

*Remarks.*—*L. multilineata* varies somewhat in plumpness and strength of sculpture, and the single specimen cannot be distinguished from the not so plump and somewhat more weakly sculptured variants.

*Range and Distribution.*—Upper Miocene to Recent. Living near shore to 124 fathoms in the Gulf of México from Texas to Florida, and in the Western Atlantic from North Carolina to Brazil. As a fossil it is recorded from the Pleistocene in Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, and the Island of Blanquilla, Venezuela; from the Pliocene of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida; and from the upper Miocene from Virginia to Florida.

**Lucina (Lucinisca) muricata** (Spengler)

Pl. 29, figs. 9-14

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Shell small, suborbicular, compressed to a little inflated, depressed on the posterior and anterior submargins, the posterior depression more pronounced than the anterior. Ventral margin usually rounded, the anterior end rounded to subtruncate, the anterodorsal margin sinuous, the posterodorsal margin gently and evenly convex, the posterior margin generally truncate, the truncation vertical to slightly oblique toward the ventral margin. Beak small, pointed forward, subcentral, sculptured by a few concentric lamellae which lose their identity on the disk. Lunule sublanceolate, more pronounced on the right valve where it is deeper and a little longer than on the left valve. Except at the beak, the surface is sculptured by fairly close radiating ridges which are often alternately larger and smaller on the disk proper, the ridges beset with fluted to spiny scales. Mature individuals bear as many as 48 ridges, and typically, the row bordering the dorsal margins has the broadest scales. On the anterior submargin the two or three radial ribs are flat and non-scaly, are separated by narrow shallow incisions, and are crossed by numerous coarse concentric striae; on the posterior submargins there are six to eight small unequal scaly ridgelets, and on the narrow ridge between the disk and the posterior submargins the spines are a little longer and sharper than elsewhere; on the disk proper the interspaces of the larger and smaller ridges are moderately deep. Hinge with a bifid anterior lateral and a bifid posterior lateral tooth, the laterals of the left valve stronger than on the right. Margins finely denticulate. Anterior muscle scar long, slightly arcuate and lozenge-shaped, the posterior scar more or less reniform. Pallial line simple, entire, uniting with the anterior muscle scar at about the middle of the outer edge, and joining the posterior one at the base of the inner edge.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen C518a, right valve, height 10 mm.; width 10 mm.; thickness 2.1 mm. Specimen C518b, right valve, height 7 mm.; width 7 mm.; thickness 1.8 mm. Specimen C518c, left valve, height 8.1 mm.; width 7.9 mm.; thickness 2 mm. Specimen C518d, left valve, height 7.4 mm.; width 7.5 mm.; thickness 2 mm. Specimen C523a, juvenile right valve, height 2.2 mm.; width 2 mm.; approx. thickness 0.8 mm. Specimen C529a, right valve, height 10 mm.; width 10 mm.; thickness 3 mm.

*Locality.*—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Forty-seven specimens including 26 left valves and 21 right valves.

*Remarks.*—The La Salina fossils here referred to *L. muricata* (Spengler) are identical with Recent West Indian forms, notably those from Santiago, Cuba (Collection No. 84523, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia). *L. roigi* Maury from the Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad, seems to be a less profusely ribbed variant of *L. muricata*, as in other respects (and this is brought out by Maury) they are alike. Furthermore, Guppy reported *L. muricata* from both the Recent and Pliocene of Trinidad.

*Range and distribution.*—The range of *L. muricata* (Spengler) is from Pliocene to Recent. The living shell is found from Florida to Brazil at shallow depths to 82 fathoms. As a fossil the species occurs in the Pleistocene of Florida and Barbados, and in the Pliocene of Trinidad and of Venezuela (Collection No. 18408, U. S. National Museum).

**Codakia (Lentillaria) orbicularis (Linnaeus)**

Pl. 30, figs. 1-8

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1936. *Codakia orbicularis* (Linnaeus), Clench and McLean, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey," Mem., vol. 10, No. 3, p. 165.
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The Cabo Blanco fossils referred to *C. orbicularis* are compressed, oval when young but suborbicular when fully grown, with a faintly depressed posterior and a hardly rounded to subtruncate posterior margin. The beak is smooth, but the remainder of the disk is decussated by fine subequal to unequal radial cords crossed by concentric threads, the sculpture finer, closer and subscabrous on the posterior depression. Lunule nearly all on the right valve where it is deep and spoon-shaped, the deck of the lunule flattish on young shells but becoming more and more sulcate with age so that the lunule of old specimens is deeply V-shaped.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen S417c, entire right valve of young specimen, height 30.2 mm.; length 37.2 mm., thickness 5.2 mm. Specimen S417a, broken right valve, adult, length of fragment 53.3 mm. Specimen S417b, broken right valve, length of fragment 39.5 mm. Specimen S417d, broken left valve, length of fragment 31.8 mm. Entire specimen of medium size, left valve, height 42 mm.;



length 47 mm.; thickness 6.5 mm. Specimen D 417a, partially broken left valve, height 9 mm.; length 10 mm.; thickness 2.7 mm.

*Localities.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Nine right valves, four left valves, and a number of fragments. All of the examples at this locality were collected from the *Lithothamnium* limestone. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One young, broken left valve, the identification of which is not certain.

*Remarks.*—There is considerable variation in the details of the surface decussation, but comparing the hinge and other morphological features with Recent specimens of *C. orbicularis* there seems to be no significant difference.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *C. orbicularis* (Linnaeus) is found in shallow water from Texas to Brazil. In the Pleistocene, the species has been recorded from Texas, Florida, Cuba, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Curaçao, Aruba, and Barbados. In the Pliocene it occurs in Florida. And, in the middle Miocene it has been reported by Gabb, Guppy, and Maury from the Dominican Republic.

**Codakia (Jagonia) orbiculata (Montagu)**

Pl. 31, figs. 1-4

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- 1817. *Venus orbiculata* Montagu, Dillwyn, A Descriptive Catalogue of Recent Shells, vol. 1, p. 192.
- 1845. *Lucina imbricatula* C. B. Adams, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 2, p. 10.
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- 1895. *Codakia (Myrtea) imbricatula* (C. B. Adams), Gregory, Geol. Soc. London, Quart. Jour., vol. 51, p. 292.
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The Recent Cabo Blanco shell is fairly small, moderately compressed, feebly depressed posteriorly, suborbicular, with an extended, nearly semicircular anterior margin, a shallowly rounded ventral margin, and a slightly curved to subtruncate posterior margin. Beak low, sharp, prosogyrate, subcentral. Lunule small, indistinct, lanceolate, slightly wider on the right valve. Disk divided into three sections by two narrow concentric rifts representing resting stages of growth. Radial ribs about 30 in all, crossed by rather thick regular concentric cords rendering the ribs transversely beaded or nodulose. The ribs are low, the main ones starting at the beak, increasing in number by division and intercalation as growth progresses. The divided and intercalated riblets are smaller than the principal ribs, and their distribution is not uniform. Some of the principal ribs are a little stouter than the others, particularly toward the posterior of the left valve and anterior of the right valve. On both valves the riblets on the posterior depression are relatively feeble. The anterior muscle scar is long and arcuately lozenge-shaped, the posterior one reniform. The pallial line is simple and entire, uniting with the anterior muscle scar near the top, and joining the posterior one at the base. The interior is faintly corrugated by the ribs, the corrugations slightly more pronounced but still feeble at the margins. The color is pale lemon yellow within and without, but the inner margins are whitish.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A520a1-2, valves attached, height 12 mm.; width 12.9 mm.; thickness 5.2 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One specimen, a doublet.

*Range and distribution*.—The living species is found in the Western Atlantic from North Carolina to Brazil. As a fossil, *C. orbiculata* occurs in the Pleistocene of Florida, the Panama Canal Zone, St. Kitts, Curaçao, Aruba, and Barbados. Olsson and Harbison (1953, p. 79) recorded a closely related form from the Pliocene of Florida.

*Remarks*.—The west American analogue of *C. orbiculata* is *C. mexicana* Dall (1901, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1237, pp. 799, 822, pl. 40, fig. 6). *C. mexicana* ranges from upper Pliocene to Recent, the living shell occurring intertidally to depths of 45

fathoms from the Gulf of California to Ecuador. The Mexican shell is larger, more delicate, and more closely ribbed than *C. orbiculata*.

**Codakia (Jagonia) pectinata** (C. B. Adams)

Pl. 31, figs. 5, 6

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- 1903. *Lucina pectinata* C. B. Adams, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1351. In synonymy under *Codakia (Jagonia) orbiculata* (Montagu).
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Shell small, moderately tumid, obliquely suboval, inequilateral. Submargins slightly depressed, the anterior submargin broader than the posterior. Anterodorsal margin hardly concave, anterior end produced and rounded, ventral margin shallowly rounded, posterior end moderately rounded, posterodorsal margin hardly convex. Umbo full, rather high, the tip of the beak smooth, situated a little behind the middle, touching the top of the cardinal process. Lunule of right valve not well defined, elongate-cordate, slightly depressed, the rim somewhat thickened, the deck scored by fine grooves which are a continuation of the narrow concentric grooves of the disk. Sculpture consisting, from beak to base, of numerous low radial riblets (of which there are about 105 in all) finely reticulated or beaded by closely spaced concentric threads. The riblets are separated by narrow shallow grooves, tend to become obsolescent toward the base, and, along an undefined line curving down from the beak along the anterior third of the disk, the riblets on the forward side are divaricate. On the umbo, the riblets are regular and equal, but from the umbo down they increase in number by intercalation, most of the intercalated ones attaining the same size as the primaries at the ventral margin. Occasionally the riblets are finely divided at the base, and below the prodissoconch the disk



is traversed by widely separated concentric growth grooves. Posterior cardinal of right valve stout, cuneate faintly bipartite, the anterior cardinal much smaller and joined to the rim of the lunule under the beak. Lateral teeth of right valve a little unequal, the anterior one slightly the higher and broader. Inner margin of valve weakly denticulate. Anterior muscle scar fairly long, lozenge-shaped, and somewhat arcuate, the posterior one faint and seemingly ovate-lenticular. Pallial line simple, entire, uniting with the outer margin of the anterior scar at about the middle, and joining the posterior one at the base. The interior is white, the exterior off-white with a faded brownish yellow stain on the posterior submargin.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A426a, right valve, height 11.4 mm.; width 12 mm.; approx. thickness 3.2 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One right valve.

*Remarks*.—The Venezuelan shell appears identical with Adams' type *Lucina pectinata* from Jamaica but is entirely distinct from the *pectinata* of Gmelin which is a lucinid often placed by authors in the genus *Lucina* or *Phacoides*. Dall (1901) recognized that neither the *C. pectinata* of Adams nor the later *C. pectinata* of Carpenter (1857) agreed with Gmelin's *pectinata*. In 1903 Dall placed *C. pectinata* (C. B. Adams), together with some other then recognized species, as a "variety" of *C. orbiculata* (Montagu) but stated that some of the well-marked varieties of *C. orbiculata* might eventually be raised to specific rank. In comparing Adams' type of *Lucina pectinata* with authentically identified specimens of *C. orbiculata* (Montagu), the two do seem to me to be specifically distinct, and I consider them to be separate species. *Lucina pectinata* Carpenter is now known as *Codakia (Jagonia) mexicana* Dall, and this ranges from upper Pliocene to Recent. The Recent *C. mexicana* is reported in the Eastern Pacific from Baja California, México to Ecuador.

*Range and distribution*.—The Recent *Codakia (Jagonia) pectinata* (C. B. Adams) ranges from the West Indies to northern South America. I have not seen any report of its occurrence as a fossil.

**Codakia (Jagonia) umbonicostata**, new species

Pl. 31, figs. 7, 8

Shell rather small, fairly plump, subquadrate- orbicular, gently depressed posteriorly, and with a slight circumlunular depression anteriorly. Anterodorsal margin concave, anterior end slightly produced and subtruncate, ventral margin shallowly rounded, posterior end hardly convex, posterodorsal margin straight and moderately sloping. Umbo full and high, the beak central and rather obtuse. Lunule of right valve semicordate, not deeply impressed. Sculpture consists of closely spaced regular concentric lirae, and radial riblets which are pronounced on the umbo, feeble to obsolescent on the remainder of the disk, and absent on both submargins. On the umbo, the radial ribs are stronger than the concentric lirae, but on the rest of the disk the concentric markings are the more dominant. Hinge sturdy, the base of the hinge plate slightly sinuous and more or less horizontal. Cardinal process of right valve consists of a stout, lightly bifid central tooth, a rudimentary anterior tooth in the form of a lamina (not visible on the illustration) affixed under the deck of the lunule, and a low posterior ridge. On either side of the central tooth there is a triangular socket, the posterior socket relatively narrow and shallow, the anterior larger and deeper. The anterior lateral is represented by a shallow groove beneath the rim of the lunule, and the posterior lateral by a distal wedgelike thickening. Ligamental groove rather long and deep. Ventral margin crenulate, and slightly thickened at the rim. Adductor scars well impressed, the right anterior elongate, bent, and lenticular, and modified by a narrow finger-like sinus entering the outer side of the lower half, the posterior scar reniform. Pallial line strong, somewhat ragged, joining the posterior muscle scar at the middle of the base.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (I519a), right valve, height 10 mm.; width 10.5 mm.; thickness 3.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—The new species is reminiscent of the middle Miocene *C. vendryesi* Dall (1903, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1348, pl. 52, fig. 4) from Bowden, Jamaica, differing



from that, however, in the obsolescence of the radial ribs below the umbo. *C. umbonicostata*, n. sp. also recalls the Bowden *Phacoides* (*Callucina*) *pauperatus oligocostatus* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, p. 124, pl. 16, figs. 14-15), and the middle Miocene *Phacoides perplexus* Pilsbry and Johnson (1917, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 69, pp. 197-198; and Pilsbry, 1921, *ibid*, vol. 73, p. 416, text fig. 41 and pl. 38, fig. 3) from the Dominican Republic. The first of those, *P. p. oligocostatus*, is more regularly orbicular, and less strongly costate on the umbo than the Venezuelan shell, and the second, *P. perplexus*, though sculptured in much the same manner as *C. umbonicostata*, is semicircularly rounded, instead of subtruncate, at the anterior end.

#### **Divaricella ? species**

Pl. 30, fig. 9

An internal mold of a slightly inflated, orbicular shell is referred with doubt to the genus *Divaricella*.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen L423a, right valve, height 23 mm.; width 23.7 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road about 220 meters west of W-15. One internal mold of a right valve.

*Remarks*.—The shape is like the Miocene to Recent *D. quadrisulcata* (d'Orbigny) (1842, [in] La Sagra, Hist. phys., polit. et nat. l'Ile de Cuba, pp. 294-295, pl. 27, figs. 34-36), as well as like that of other late Cenozoic species.

In his "Essai critique de classification des *Divaricella*," André Chavan (1951) pointed out that certain American species of *Divaricella* were not to be classified under the *Divaricella* of von Martens but under a new genus for which he proposed the name *Divalinga*.

### **CHAMIDAE**

#### **Chama congregata Conrad**

Pl. 31, figs. 11-14;  
Pl. 32, figs. 1-9

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This species is represented in the Cabo Blanco area by both Recent and fossil examples. The shell is relatively small, inequivalve, the left or attached valve deep and irregularly oval, the right or upper valve slightly convex to compressed and irregularly suborbicular. The beak of the left valve is full and gryphaeaform, and gyrates counterclockwise; the beak of the right valve is appressed and gyrates clockwise. Exterior of left valve sculptured by foliaceous and fluted concentric lamellae; the sculpture of the right valve consists of concentric lamellae on which are numerous axial wavy cords and flutings, the flutings scalloped to severely arched to tubular at their ends. Within, the margins of the valves are finely crenulate. The pallial line merges with the basal outer margin of the anterior muscle scar, but joins the base of the posterior scar a little in from its outer margin. The muscle scars are elongate and sublenticular, the anterior scar a little narrower, longer, and lower than the posterior. The upper side of the strong cardinal tooth on the hinge plate of the deep (left) valve bears eight to fourteen narrow parallel grooves or corrugations, and the edge of the tooth is recurved slightly upward; the cardinal tooth of the right valve is similarly scored on the under side. The Recent specimens are cream-white within and dirty white on the exterior, but on the best preserved shell the axial cords are reddish brown and dark brown.

*Dimensions*.—Recent paired shell (A436a1-2), left valve, length 20 mm.; width 15 mm.; right valve, length 15 mm.; width 13.7 mm.; thickness of doublet 12 mm. Fossil specimen S436a, right valve, length 16.7 mm.; width 13.9 mm.; thickness 7 mm. Fossil specimen S436b, right valve, length 19.9 mm.; thickness 6 mm. Fossil specimen J436a, left valve, length 28 mm.; width 24.8 mm.; thickness 15.2 mm. Fossil specimen J436b, right valve, length 17.7 mm.; width 14.6 mm.; thickness 3.5 mm. Fossil specimen 1436a, right valve, length 20.1 mm.; width 17.1 mm.; thickness 5 mm. Fossil specimen H436b, right valve, length 15.2 mm.; width 14.9 mm.; thickness 4 mm. Fossil specimen H436a, left valve, length 25.5 mm.; width 20.4 mm.; thickness 11.5 mm.

*Cabo Blanco localities.*—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Ten left valves, four right valves, one doublet. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. Three right valves. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve, and one left valve, the identification of which is uncertain. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Six right valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three right valves, one left valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Sixteen right valves.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *Chama congregata* Conrad occurs from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Brazil, living near shore to 52 fathoms. As a fossil it is reported from the Pleistocene of Cuba, from the Pliocene of North and South Carolina, from the late Miocene along the eastern coast of the United States from New Jersey to Florida, and from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Colombia.

***Chama macerophylla* Gmelin**

Pl. 33, figs. 1, 2

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1959. *Chama macerophylla* Gmelin, Nowell-Usticke, A Check List of the Marine Shells of St. Croix, p. 12.
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Several poorly preserved right valves, both Recent and fossil, appear to represent this species. The valves are suborbicular, compressed to somewhat convex, with an appressed beak gyrating clockwise. The external sculpture consists of foliaceous concentric lamellae, the lamellae below the umbo producing broad, arched, and elongated fronds which are axially striate on the upper surface but completely smooth on the under surface. Internally, the margins are denticulate, and the pallial line seems to pass around the anterior muscle scar before joining it at the apex. The two Recent specimens are lemon-yellow on the exterior as well as on the inner margins, but the body cavity is whitish.

*Dimensions*.—Recent specimen A436b, right valve, length 18.9 mm.; width (excluding fronds) 18 mm.; thickness 6.6 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One right valve. Recent, on beach southeast of Higuierote, State of Miranda. One right valve. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. Two small right valves, weathered. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve, a juvenile, with neat, fairly regular frills bearing faint axial striae.



Pliocene about 6 kilometers east of Cumaná, State of Sucre (in U.S. National Museum Collection No. 18410).

*Range and distribution.*—The living *C. macerophylla* Gmelin is found in the Western Atlantic from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to northern South America where it is commonly associated with *C. congregata* Conrad. In the Pleistocene, *C. macerophylla* is recorded from Florida, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, St. Kitts, Curaçao, Barbados, Aruba, and Venezuela. In the Pliocene it was reported by Guppy (1864) from Matura, Trinidad, and by Gabb (1881) from Costa Rica. In Jamaica it occurs in the middle Miocene at Bowden.

*Remarks.*—This species resembles the widespread *C. congregata* Conrad, but is distinguished from that by the broader, more frondose, and axially striate foliations, and by the position of the pallial line which skirts the margin of the anterior muscle scar on *C. macerophylla* but merges with the margin at the base of the anterior muscle scar on *C. congregata*.

### ***Chama florida* Lamarck**

Pl. 33, figs. 3, 4

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The right valves referred to this species are rather small, moderately thick, rudely suborbicular, moderately convex to cap-shaped, with the beak prosogyrate, and the apex sometimes bulbous. The exterior is sculptured by concentric rows of short fluted foliaceous lamellae, the flutings rarely marked with faint axial striations. The interior margins are feebly but closely crenulate near the rim, and the pallial line skirts past the margin of the anterior adductor scar, joining the scar at the top. The interior is white, on some specimens stained with pink. On the exterior, the ground is white and the apex flushed a deep pink, with several deep pink interrupted radii swirling off the apex on to the disk.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A661a, right valve, length 15 mm.; width 13 mm., thickness 5.3 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Five right valves.

*Range and distribution*.—The living shell ranges from south Florida to northern South America. As a fossil, the species has been reported from the Pleistocene of Cuba, and on the islands of Blanquilla and Cubagua, Venezuela.

*Remarks*.—According to Bayer (1943, *Nautilus*, vol. 56, No. 4, p. 117), *C. florida* Lamarck is separable from *C. sarda* Reeve by the position of the pallial line. On *C. florida* the pallial line passes around the end of the anterior adductor scar and joins it at the superior end, whereas on *C. sarda* the pallial line joins the margin of the scar at the base.

### ***Chama sinuosa bermudensis* Heilprin**

Pl. 32, figs. 10, 13

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1943. *Chama sinuosa bermudensis* Heilprin, Bayer, *Nautilus*, vol. 56, No. 4, pp. 118, 122, 123, pl. 14, fig. 26.

The fossil shell referred to this subspecies is large, robust, and inequivalve. Left (lower) valve deep, oblong-oval to suborbicular, with an erect cornucopia-like beak gyrating counterclockwise, the right (upper) valve convex to compressed, rudely orbicular, the



beak prosogyrate, the umbo moderately full to appressed, both valves with a faint radial depression fore and aft. External sculpture consisting of foliaceous concentric lamellae arched into hood-shaped fronds or ruffles, the fronds axially striate and in places produced into vaulted scales or flutings. The sculpture is better preserved and sharper on the upper valve as the lower valve is generally encrusted with a calcareous material. In the interior, the adductor scars are large and slightly arcuate, the anterior one merging into the cardinal process, the posterior one ending below the marginal tooth of the hinge plate. The margins of the valve are completely smooth. The pallial line joins the outer margin of the anterior adductor scar near the base.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen C438a, left valve, height 61 mm.; width 52 mm.; thickness 23 mm. Specimen C438b, right valve, height 40 mm.; width 41 mm.; thickness 9 mm. Largest specimen, left valve, beak decollate, height 78 mm.; width 57 mm.; thickness 36 mm.

*Localities*.—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Four left valves, two right valves. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. A worn and broken right valve is doubtfully identified as this subspecies.

*Range and distribution*.—Living in Bermuda, south Florida, the Tortugas, and the Caribbean.

***Pseudochama radians* (Lamarck)**

Pl. 33, figs. 5, 6;  
Pl. 34, figs. 1-6

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Shell of medium size, inequivalve. Right (lower) valve deep, suborbicular to subtrigonally ovate, attached by the anterior half of the shell which is flattened in greater or less degree over a crescentic area from beak to base; left (upper) valve suborbicular or suboval, compressed. Beak of right valve gryphaeaform, gyrating clockwise; beak of left valve appressed, slightly prosogyrate. The external sculpture of the right valve is variable although all of the Playa Grande specimens are both concentrically lamellate and radially ridged on the posterior part of the shell. On three right valves the short vermiform axial ridges occur on the posterior fourth of the valve, but on another specimen these ridges are present on the posterior half of the valve, and on this specimen there are also some irregular foliations anteriorly. The concentric lamellae of the right valve are simple to frilled to fluted, and on one specimen some of the flutings project as arched spines. The external sculpture of the single left valve consists of minutely foliaceous concentric lamellae becoming incremental toward the base. On the interior, three single left valves are denticulate at the margin, but both valves of a paired specimen (A662a1-2) are smooth (except for occasional tiny pustules) even though this specimen seems to belong to the same species as the denticulate ones. The pallial line joins the base of the anterior muscle scar at the outer margin, but posteriorly it swings in to join the base of the anterior muscle scar at the outer



margin. The anterior cardinal tooth of the right valve is large, curved upward a little at the edge, and is striate on the upper surface; the posterior cardinal tooth of the right valve is arcuate and is also scored by a series of short grooves. The interior of both valves is generally white with a staining of mahogany-brown at the margin, but the whole interior of one right valve is mahogany-brown with blotches of white. The exterior of the left valve is whitish with short stripes of brown on the lower half; the exterior of the right valve is dirty white, and brown or dull purplish red.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A662a1-2 (paired), right valve, height 31.5 mm.; width 27.3 mm.; thickness 17.1 mm.; left valve, height 23.6 mm.; width 27.5 mm.; thickness 5 mm. Specimen A662b, right valve, height 21.5 mm.; width 21.5 mm.; thickness 12 mm. Specimen A662c, right valve, height 20 mm.; width 18.3 mm.; thickness 6.8 mm. Specimen D439a, right valve, height 50 mm.; width 39.5 mm.; thickness 33 mm. Specimen D439b, left valve, height 33 mm.; width 33 mm.; thickness 10 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Four specimens including three right valves and one doublet. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande Village. Six worn or broken specimens, including five left valves and one right valve.

*Range and distribution*.—Living in shallow water from south Florida to northern South America. This is the first report of its occurrence as a fossil.

*Remarks*.—The forms *P. ferruginea* (Reeve) and *P. variegata* (Reeve) are considered ecological variants of *P. radians* by some authors but as a subspecies of *P. radians* by others. The Recent Playa Grande shells, which were collected near each other on the beach, exhibit considerable variation, and partake in one way or another of the characters of *P. radians radians*, of *P. r. ferruginea*, and of *P. r. variegata*.

Specimen D440a from the Abisinia formation represented by figures 5, 6 on Plate 34, and identified with uncertainty as *P. radians* Lamarck, may be yet another individual variant of the species. The details are obscure but the worn and immature specimen is inferred to be a right valve. The shell is small, shield-shaped in outline and tentlike in cross section, with a high medial ridge

from beak to base from which the sides slope steeply, the anterior slope straightish, the posterior concave. The turn of the beak is not defined but it seems to be incipiently clockwise. The anterior slope is nondescript and gnarly, and probably was the attached surface. The medial ridge and posterior half of the valve are sculptured by a few coarse concentric lamellae corrugated into short vermiform radial ridgelets and flutings, the termini of the flutings near the base and along the ridge projecting in places as arched spines. In the interior there is a deep linear trough under the ridge, and the entire margin of the valve is rather strongly denticulate. The muscle scars are obscure and the hinge is badly worn. The length of specimen D440a is 12.6 mm., the maximum width 10 mm., and the elevation or thickness 7.1 mm.

***Pseudochama* ? species**

Pl. 34, figs. 7, 8

Illustrated is an immature left valve referred with some doubt to the genus *Pseudochama*. The shell is small, compressed, and obliquely ovate, with a smooth plump subcircular prodissoconch facing toward the anterior. Starting at the base of the prodissoconch and extending to the base there is a low arcuate ridge with a fairly broad and gentle depression in front of it and a narrow depression behind it. The anterior half or so of the valve is sculptured by gnarly, irregular, and rather thick concentric foliations which are cordlike to gently arched on the ridge and angulately arched on the posterior quarter of the valve. In the interior the margins are smoothed, and the anterior adductor impression is long and fairly narrow. The heavy hinge apparatus is worn, and the cardinal process, which is recurved upward, appears bilobate; underneath the cardinal lobes, the anterior socket is relatively long and narrow, the posterior socket relatively high and narrow. The pallial line and posterior adductor impression are obliterated.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen D508a, left valve, height 8 mm.; width 6 mm.; thickness 0.8 mm.

*Locality*.—Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One left valve.

*Remarks*.—As most fossils occurring in the Pleistocene(?) Abisinia formation have survived to the Recent, this form may be



living to-day. There are two living species of *Pseudochama* in the Western Atlantic, *P. radians* (Lamarck), and *P. inezae* Bayer (1943, *Nautilus*, vol. 56, No. 4, pp. 118, 122-123, pl. 15), and although it is possible that the single Cabo Blanco shell is a juvenile of the former, a grading series of specimens is needed in order to make a definitive comparison.

**Arcinella species "a"**

Pl. 34, figs. 9, 10

Included in the Cabo Blanco collection are two fragments of *Echinochama*. One of the fragments is part of a left valve, the other the apical area of a right valve. The left valve, here described, represents the back remnant of a shell which in some curious way was split through the beak and hinge parallel with the margins of the disk, thus producing the anomalous-looking smooth decklike hinge shown in the illustration. The surface is sculptured by narrow, scaly, arcuate and wavy radial ridges. On the sole specimen, which is broken away at the margins, there are seven primary ridges remaining, and of these the anteriormost seems the largest. Between the primaries there are one to six minor ridges alternating in size, the number of secondaries increasing anteriorward, the greatest number lying between the two anterior primary ridges where the intercostal area is considerably wider than elsewhere on the disk. The scales, which occur in fairly numerous irregular rows, are in the form of rounded to angular vaulted arches, and become longer and semitubular toward the margins. The grater-like texture of the *E. arcinella* race is not evident except minutely in a small area between the scales on the anteroventral portion of the valve.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen T442a, a partial left valve, height 16 mm.; width 12 mm.

*Locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One left valve, broken.

*Remarks*.—It is impossible to classify this fragment with assurance. Of the American species of *Echinochama* discussed by Nicol (1952), it seems, in a subdued way, to resemble *E. arcinella olssoni* Nicol (1952, *Jour. Paleont.*, vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 807-808, pl. 118, fig. 6) from the Armuelles formation (Pleistocene or Pliocene) of the Burica Peninsula, Panamá.

**Arcinella species "b"**

Pl. 34, figs. 11-13

The following description pertains to a right valve with only the thick apical area remaining. On the apical area, the outer shell has been peeled away, but part of the hinge and lunule are intact. The beak is prosogyrate and flattened on the anterior side from attachment. A wide shallow sulcus is present aft of the beak, and this probably extends to the posteroventral margin of the valve. The lunule is large, sunken, semicircular, and coarsely nodular, the nodules crossed by fine concentric laminae which become incremental at the margin of the hinge. The outer layer of shell is stripped off the surface, but from the configuration of the intermediate layer, which is corrugated by six or seven low radial folds on the anterior two-thirds of the disk, it is inferred that a whole valve bears eight or nine, probably spiny, radial ribs. The intermediate layer of shell is traversed by subequal radial threads crossed by closely spaced microscopic concentric striae which tend to be arched upward in the interspaces between the radial threads. The ligamental groove is opisthodontic, parivincular, and deep. The cardinal tooth is large, strong, and upswept, is scored by heavy grooves on the inner surface, and bears fainter ridges and elongated pustules on the superior surface.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen G435a, apical fragment of right valve, length 14.2 mm.; width 15 mm.; thickness from umbo to cardinal tooth 10.3 mm.

*Locality*.—Mare formation near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment of a right valve.

*Remarks*.—The hinge and lunular area are virtually identical to *E. cornuta* (Conrad) (see Nicol, 1952, Jour. Paleont., vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 809-810, pl. 118, fig. 2; pl. 119, fig. 7), and the postulated number of external ribs also agrees with that Miocene to Recent species. However, whether the true surface ornamentation is comparable to that of *E. cornuta* is, of course, undeterminable. And, whether this specimen represents that opposite valve of the preceding-described *Echinochama* sp. "a" is likewise unknown.

**ERYCINIDAE*****Bornia tacaguana*, new species**

Pl. 31, figs. 9, 10



Shell small, thin, subtranslucent, subequilateral, the outline rounded-subtrigonal and subisocelene, the anterior submargin slightly compressed. Anterior and posterior ends a little rounded, the ventral margin shallowly and regularly arcuate. Beak small, moderately prominent, directed forward, subcentral. Resilial pit fairly deep, narrowly triangular, the base of the resilifer arched slightly upward. Anterior lamella in hinge of right valve joined to the dorsal margin at the beak, thickened immediately below the beak, but then thinning as it swerves toward the distal end of the anterodorsal margin with which it merges just below the rim of the valve, the groove between the lamella and rim linear. The posterior lamella of the right valve is not so strong as the anterior below the beak, and the groove between it and the posterodorsal margin is a little longer, though feebler, than its anterior counterpart. External surface sculptured by fine subregular concentric lineations which are visible in the interior. Inner margins smooth. Adductor scars and pallial line not visible in the highly polished interior.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (T548a), right valve, width 3.4 mm.; height 3.1 mm.; thickness 0.5 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—Similar species are the following:

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*B. mactroides* (Conrad) (see Glenn, 1904, Maryland Geol. Sur., Miocene, p. 330, pl. 88, figs. 9a, 9b). Later Miocene of Maryland. This is a somewhat more rounded and sturdier shell than *B. tacaguana*.

*B. longipes* (Stimpson) (see Dall, 1899, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 21, No. 1177, pp. 888-889, pl. 88, figs. 10, 11, 13). Recent in the Western Atlantic. The height is 70 per cent of the width, whereas in *C. tacaguana* the height is 80 percent.

*B. barbadensis* Dall (1899, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 21, No. 1177, p. 888). This is a large, evenly ovate, and inequilateral shell, dredged in 100 fathoms at Barbados.

*B. chiclaya* Olsson (1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 233, pl. 35, fig. 13). Recent in the Eastern Pacific on the coast of Peru. This has much the same outline as *B. tacaguana*, n. sp. but is a somewhat larger and slightly more inflated shell, with a truncate rather than shallowly rounded basal margin.

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This species occurs both living and as a fossil in northern Venezuela. The Recent shells from Playa Grande (Distrito Federal) and Higuerote (State of Miranda) are broadly rayed in the interior from under the umbo to near the middle of the valve by generally three broad contiguous bands of color, the middle band golden yellow, the outer two violet or purplish red. There are 39 to 44 radial ribs on the Recent specimens, 38 on the largest fossil. The arrangement and pattern of the denticulate scales on adult examples are in accordance with the description by Dall (1900, p. 1080) and the illustrations by Clench and Smith (1944, pl. 5).

*Dimensions.*—Recent specimen (A498a), right valve, height 30 mm.; width 29 mm.; thickness 11.2 mm. Recent specimen (A498b), left valve, height 28.8 mm.; width 27.9 mm.; thickness 11 mm. Fossil specimen (C503a), right valve broken away at base, width 15 mm.; thickness 5.5 mm. Fossil specimen (C504a), fragment of left valve, width of fragment 9 mm.; thickness 3.1 mm. Fossil specimen (H498a), right valve, height 48 mm., width 44 mm.; thickness 15



mm. Fossil specimen (I498a), juvenile left valve, height 4.7 mm.; width 5 mm.; thickness 1.5 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Ten specimens including seven right valves and three left valves. Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Eight specimens including four right and four left valves. La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Two specimens, one a right valve, the other a fragment of a left. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve. Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One juvenile left valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two fragments, one of a young right valve, and one of an adult left valve.

*Remarks.*—The west American counterpart of *T. muricatum* is the Pleistocene to Recent *T. senticostum* (Sowerby) (see Olsson, 1961, pp. 246-247, pl. 37, fig. 3), living from the Gulf of California to Peru in depths to 40 fathoms.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *T. muricatum* is recorded from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Argentina, S.A., the greatest depth 187 fathoms off Havana, Cuba. Pleistocene, in South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana (in borings), Cuba, the Yucatan Peninsula, Aruba?, Curaçao, Venezuela, and Brazil. Pliocene, in Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula, Costa Rica, Venezuela (near Cumaná, U. S. National Museum Collection No. 18408), and Trinidad?.

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Pl. 36, fig. 1

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A broken right valve of a Cabo Blanco fossil seems referable to this species. The shell is robust, subquadrate, and strongly ribbed, the total number of ribs estimated at 37. Crossing the crest of the ribs over the whole of the exterior are prominent arched scales, the scales asymmetrically vaulted toward the posterior of the valve, with the broad side of the scales on the posterior side of the ribs, the vaulting more symmetrical anteriorly, the arches thickened on the anterior submargin and the base, the ventrad face of the thickened arches upturned. Interspaces deep, somewhat narrower than the ribs, traversed by crowded growth incrementals. Inner margins fluted, the internal ribs lightly grooved along the middle, extending a short distance inward. Anterior adductor impression rather faint, large, high, suboval; posterior adductor not seen.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen S500a, half of a right valve, complete height 66 mm.; thickness 24 mm. Specimen 1499a, a fragment of the base, length 41 mm.

*Localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two specimens, one of them the anterior half of a right valve, the other a large fragment. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment.

*Remarks*.—So far as comparison can be made, the Cabo Blanco

fossil appears to be the same as the Recent Caribbean *T. isocardia* (Linnaeus). The other Recent Caribbean species of *Trachycardium* is *T. egmontianum* (Shuttleworth) (see Clench and Smith, 1944, pp. 4-5, pl. 3) but the species, although similar to, and sometimes mistaken for *T. isocardia*, has 27 to 31 ribs compared with 31 to 37 on *T. isocardia*. The west American analogue of *T. isocardia* is the Pleistocene and Recent *T. consors* (Sowerby) (see Keen, 1958, p. 114, pl. 3), and that is distinguished from *T. isocardia* by its fewer ribs (30-34) and more inflated valves.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *T. isocardia* (Linnaeus), according to Clench and Smith, is a Caribbean species extending from Hispaniola to northern South America. Other authors would extend the range to Florida and as far north as North Carolina, but in some instances at least, the form so identified must be the long-overlooked *T. egmontianum* (Shuttleworth). Nevertheless, the fossil *T. isocardia* has been reported by competent observers from the Pliocene of North Carolina and Florida, and the Pleistocene of South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana. In the tropics, *T. isocardia* was reported by Guppy from the Pliocene of Trinidad (although this has not been confirmed), and Heilprin identified the species with question from the Pliocene of the Yucatan Peninsula, México. In the Pleistocene of the Caribbean area *I. isocardia* is recorded from St. Kitts, and Venezuela.

**Trigoniocardia (Trigoniocardia) caboblanquensis, new species**

Pl. 35, figs. 10-12; Pl. 36, figs. 2-6

Shell small, subrhomboidal, inflated, slightly oblique. Anterior end gently rounded, ventral margin shallowly arcuate to subtruncate, posterior margin almost vertically truncate, the corner of the base and posterior margin subangular, the angle a little more than 90 degrees. Posterior area fairly wide, strongly sloping, flattened to hardly concave, the umbonal ridge prominent and well differentiated. Umbo high, the beak evenly convex, incurved, prosogyrate, subcentral. Lunule small, subcordate, rather well defined, not depressed except immediately under the beak, separated from the disk by the first intercostal groove which is relatively faint, nearly smooth except for minute concentric growth lines. Escutcheon of



left valve rather narrow and lanceolate, that of the right valve somewhat broader, subelliptical, and also smooth. Dentition normal, the anterior cardinal of the left valve and the posterior cardinal of the right valve robust, upcurved, and separated from the smaller and higher secondary cardinal by a deep trigonal pit. Laterals prominent but obtuse, the anterior laterals nearer the beak than the posterior, those of the right valve separated from the dorsal margins by deep grooves; on the left valve there is a fairly deep pit in front of the anterior lateral, and a more elongated one under the rear of the posterior lateral. Adductor impressions distinct, rather large, high, the anterior one rudely and obtusely triangular, the posterior one oval to subangularly ovate. Pallial line regular, not remote from, and parallel with the margins, joining the base of the adductor impressions. Inner margins fluted. Surface sculptured by generally 19 or 20 radial ribs of which there are 7 on the posterior area and 6 extra large ones on the central area of the disk. The ribs are separated by square interspaces which are deep and half the width of the ribs on the disk, but shallower and narrower on the submargins. Within the interspaces are strong, regular, equally spaced concentric cords decussating the interradians on the disk into oblong pits. These cords are confined to the trough of the interspaces, but on the side and crest of the ribs there are crowded microscopic concentric growth striae which are generally worn off the crests. The rib forming the umbonal ridge is high and symmetrically rounded; the next three ribs forward of the ridge are asymmetrical, gently rounded on the broad crest, the posterior side with a relatively high slope; farther forward the ribs are flattened both on the disk and anterior submargin, and the interspaces become progressively narrower and shallower anteriorward. The two or three ribs behind the umbonal ridge are moderately high and more or less equal in size, with the one or two nearest the ridge sometimes faintly bipartite; the remainder of the ribs on the posterior area become progressively wider, lower, and flatter toward the posterior margin as they do on the anterior end. Here and there on both the disk and submargins, the crest of the ribs may bear a few small nodes or tubercles. In some places there may be a number of regularly spaced tubercles on a rib, in others they seem to be entirely random, and on most specimens they are wanting, either

because of having been worn off or because of inherent sporadic development. On the best preserved specimens from the Cabo Blanco area the tubercles are sparse and erratically distributed.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G496d), right valve, height 10.2 mm.; width 8.2 mm.; thickness 4.9 mm. Paratype (G496c), right valve, height 11.3 mm.; width 10.1 mm.; thickness 4.8 mm. Paratype (G496b), left valve, height 10.9 mm.; width 9.2 mm.; thickness 5.3 mm. Paratype (G496a), left valve, height 9.1 mm.; width 8.5 mm.; thickness 3.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Forty-seven specimens including twenty-five left valves and twenty-two right valves.

*Other localities*.—Upper Mare formation, 115 meters south-southwest of the crossing of Quebrada Mare Abajo and the coast road. One left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Ten specimens including six left valves and four right valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens including two right valves and two left valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. Three specimens including two left valves and one right valve.

*Comparisons*.—*Trigoniocardia* is abundantly represented in the late Cenozoic of the Americas, and there are a number of species to which *T. caboblanquensis*, n. sp. exhibits affinity although not comparing precisely with any of them. Listed below are the Tertiary and Quaternary species of *Trigoniocardia* from America—all of them tropical in habitat—that have come to my attention:

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of *T. antillarum* are wider on the disk than on *T. caboblanquensis*, n. sp.

*T. haitense haitense* (Sowerby) (see Woodring, 1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 142-143, pl. 19, figs. 8-9). Lower ? to middle Miocene. This is more oblique than *T. caboblanquensis* and has two more ribs than the Venezuelan shell.

*T. haitense cercadicum* Maury (1917, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, p. 376, pl. 36, fig. 6). Lower ? Miocene of Puerto Rico, and middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic and Jamaica. This has 10 ribs on the posterior area, *T. caboblanquensis* 7.

*T. haitense areciboense* Hubbard (1920, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 3, pt. 1, pp. 117-118, pl. 19, fig. 9). Upper Oligocene to lower Miocene of Puerto Rico. This is a triangularly rhomboidal shell with 17 ribs.

*T. thaumastum* Woodring (1925, p. 144, pl. 19, figs. 12-13). Middle Miocene, Jamaica. The posterior ridge is sharply angular at the umbo; on *T. caboblanquensis* it is rounded.

*T. hannai* Olsson (1932, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 19, No. 68, pp. 99-100, pl. 8, figs. 4, 9, 10, 11). Lower Miocene, Peru. This is slightly larger and much more sturdy than *T. caboblanquensis* and is more obtuse in outline.

*T. spiekeri* Hanna and Israelsky (see Olson, 1932, p. 100, pl. 8, figs. 3, 7). Tumbez formation (upper Miocene) of Peru, and Jama formation (Pliocene) of Ecuador. The outline is obliquely subovate, and the ribs are flatter than on *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. sambaicum sambaicum* Maury (1917, p. 376, pl. 36, fig. 7). Lower Miocene of Puerto Rico and middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic. Twenty-seven ribs compared with 19 or 20 on *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. sambaicum portoricoensis* Hubbard (1920, p. 116, pl. 19, figs. 5-6). Lower Miocene ? of Puerto Rico. Among other differences the concentric threads in the interspaces are finer than on *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. heredium* Olsson (1922, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 39, p. 399, pl. 27, fig. 10). Middle Miocene, Costa Rica. This species is more sharply carinated on the umbonal ridge, and bears one more

rib on the posterior area than *T. caboblanquensis*, but otherwise the two forms are similar.

*T. callopleurum* Gabb (1881, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 8, p. 375, pl. 47, fig. 77). Pliocene, Costa Rica. The umbonal ridge is not so well developed, nor the ribs so broad as on *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. aminense* Dall (1900, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, p. 1104; 1903, pl. 48, fig. 11). Middle Miocene, Dominican Republic. The posterior end bears 10 radial ribs compared with 7 on the Venezuelan shell.

*T. mirandense* Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, p. 287, pl. 23, fig. 10). Lower Miocene, Venezuela. This is more sharply carinated than the Cabo Blanco shell, and all of the ribs, of which there are 22 (8 on the truncation), are conspicuously and evenly beaded.

*T. carolinae* Maury (1912, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 15, p. 54, pl. 9, figs. 5-6). Lower-middle Miocene and Pliocene of Trinidad. This has 17 ribs, *T. caboblanquensis* 19 or 20.

*T. castum castum* (Guppy) (1866, Geol. Soc. London Quart. Jour., vol. 22, pl. 582, pl. 26, fig. 4). Lower-middle Miocene, Trinidad. The umbo is narrower, and the outline more oblique than on *T. caboblanquensis*. Also there are 22 ribs on the type of *T. castum* compared with 19 or 20 on the Venezuelan species.

*T. castum brassicum* (1925, p. 285, pl. 23, fig. 6). Lower-middle Miocene, Trinidad. This is an elongate-oval form in contrast with *T. caboblanquensis* which is subrhomboidal.

*T. manzanillense* Maury (1925, pp. 235-236, pl. 23, fig. 4). Lower-middle Miocene, Trinidad. The Venezuelan *T. caboblanquensis*, n. sp. closely resembles *T. manzanillense* but differs in having one less rib on the posterior area and a shorter posterodorsal margin which curves gently, rather than subangularly, into the posterior margin.

*T. perii-maris* Maury (1925, p. 288, pl. 23, fig. 8). Pliocene, Trinidad. This species has 24 ribs (of which nine are on the truncation), and there is a radial depression in front of the umbonal ridge producing an embayment of the basal margin.



*T. gatunense* (Dall) (1900, pp. 1101-1102). Lower Tertiary ? of the Panama Canal Zone. Twenty-six ribs.

*T. alicula* Dall (1900, p. 1103, pl. 40, fig. 12; 1903, pl. 48, fig. 5). Middle Miocene, Florida. This is obliquely diamond-shaped whereas *T. caboblanquensis* is subrhomboidal.

*T. simrothi* Dall (1900, p. 1104; 1903, pl. 48, fig. 8). Middle Miocene, Florida. The interradi al cords are finer than on *T. caboblanquensis*, and the rib on the umbonal ridge is flexuous instead of straight as on the Venezuelan fossil.

*T. willcoxi* Dall (1900, p. 1106; 1903, pl. 48, fig. 9). Pliocene, Florida. Body with nine, the posterior area with eight ribs.

*T. apateticum* Dall (1900, pp. 1105-1106; 1903, pl. 48, fig. 6). Middle Miocene, Florida. When perfectly intact this species is without tubercles.

*T. sellardsi* Gardner (1926, U. S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 142-C, pp. 140-141, pl. 23, figs. 11-12). Chipola formation (middle Miocene), Florida. Nine ribs on the posterior area.

*T. deadenense* Mansfield (1932, Florida State Geol. Sur., Bull. No. 8, pp. 113-114, pl. 22, figs. 2-5). Late Miocene, northwest Florida. The Venezuelan *T. caboblanquensis* is close to *T. deadenense* but the Floridan shell has eight beaded ribs on the posterior area.

*T. galvestonense* (Harris) (1895, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 1, No. 3, p. 91, pl. 1, figs. 3, 3a). Later Miocene in Galveston well, Texas, 2,443 to 2,871 feet. The Venezuelan shell is closely related to *T. galvestonense* differing slightly in having somewhat broader ribs and a shorter posterodorsal margin which curves gently into the posterior margin rather than subangularly as on the Texas species.

*T. maturense* Dall (1900, p. 1105; 1903, pl. 48, fig. 7). Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad. The posterior area has eight or nine ribs, *T. caboblanquensis* seven.

*T. cabopasadum* Pilsbry and Olsson (1941, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 93, p. 59, pl. 12, figs. 6-7). Pliocene, Ecuador. Sculptured by 23 ribs of which 7 are on the posterior slope.

*T. graniferum* (Broderip and Sowerby) (see Keen, 1958, p. 118, fig. 256). Pliocene of Ecuador; Pleistocene of Baja California,

Mexico; Recent, from México to Peru in depths to 14 fathoms. This is a broader shell than *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. obovale* (Sowerby) (see Keen, 1958, p. 118, fig. 257). Pliocene of Panamá and Ecuador; Pleistocene of the Tres Mariás Islands, México; Recent from Baja California to Peru in depths to 40 fathoms. This is an elongately subovate form.

*T. panis-sacchari* van Regteren Altena (1961, pp. 202-203, figs. 1-4) from the Pleistocene of Sugar Loaf, Eustatius, has 22 to 24 radial ribs compared with 19 to 20 on *T. caboblanquensis*, has a wider and more flaring posterior area than *T. caboblanquensis*, and is larger than the Cabo Blanco species.

**Trigoniocardia (Americardia) media** (Linnaeus)

Pl. 36, figs. 7-12

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This species occurs both Recent and fossil in the Cabo Blanco area. The adult Recent shells are sculptured by 36 ribs of which 9 to 11 are on the posterior slope; the adult fossil specimens bear 39 to 41 ribs of which there are 9 or 10 on the posterior slope. The shell is subrhomboidal, with a prominent beak, a depressed posterior truncation which is indented at the margin below the middle, and a steeply descending umbonal ridge which is sharp at the umbo, angular to subangularly rounded below. The radial ribs of the disk are strong and regular, the interspaces deep and much narrower than the ribs; on the posterior truncation three or four of the ribs near the posterodorsal margin are wider than the others, and two or three of the ribs along the middle of the truncation are slightly narrower than those on the side of the umbonal ridge. The ribs and interspaces are crossed by numerous regular concentric lamellae arched upward on the crest of the ribs. The Recent shells are whitish



with chestnut-brown mottlings and radial stripes externally, white within.

*Dimensions*.—Recent specimen (A497a), left valve, height 17.9 mm.; length 16.1 mm.; thickness 6.4 mm. Fossil specimen (A497al-2), a doublet, height 29.3 mm.; length 26.1 mm.; thickness of pair 24.1 mm. Largest fossil specimen, right valve, height 36.7 mm.; length 32.9 mm.; thickness 17.8 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Three left valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Four specimens including two right valves, one left valve, and one doublet.

*Range and distribution*.—Recent, North Carolina to Brazil at depths of 2 to 100 fathoms. Pleistocene in Cuba, the Panama Canal Zone, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Curaçao, Venezuela, and Barbados. Pliocene in North Carolina, Florida ?, and Costa Rica. Upper Miocene in Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Middle Miocene in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica.

A west American counterpart of *T. media* (Linnaeus) is *T. guanacastense* (Hertlein and Strong) (1947, Zoologica, vol. 31, pt. 3, No. 10, pp. 140-141) which ranges from Baja California to Peru, and which has been recorded from the Pliocene of Costa Rica and the Pleistocene of Ecuador.

***Laevicardium* ? , species**

Pl. 36, figs. 13, 14

Shell small, inflated, broken, probably subquadrate when whole. Beak small, low, full, and prosogyrate. Lunule not defined. Outer layer of shell with microscopic concentric wrinkles or lineations, the underlying layer with fine, hardly discernible radiating riblets. Hinge mutilated but seems to be like that of *Laevicardium*. Interior filled with sand.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen H550a, right valve (not complete), height 1.7 mm.; length 1.5 mm.; thickness 0.9 mm.

*Locality*.—Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One imperfect right valve.

*Remarks*.—The juvenile fossil is reminiscent of the Pliocene

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**Papyridea aff. soleniformis (Bruguière)**

Pl. 37, figs. 1, 2

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The Venezuelan fossil referred to *P. soleniformis* (Bruguière)

is represented by a single left valve which is worn and fragmentary. The hinge is unusually sturdy for the species, and the surface is traversed by about 45 radial ribs. The left anterior adductor scar is margined by a faint radial ridgelet.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen I512a (broken away at the ends and base), length 4.7 mm.; height 3.5 mm.; thickness 1.2 mm.

*Locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One imperfect left valve.

*Remarks*.—The west American counterpart of *P. soleniformis* is the Pleistocene to Recent *P. aspersa* (Sowerby) (see Durham, 1950, p. 80, pl. 19, figs. 6, 19). According to Durham, *P. aspersa* may be separated from *P. soleniformis* "by more deeply channeled interspaces between the ribs, by the lesser posterior elongation, by the posterior lateral teeth being slightly closer to the beaks, and by the cardinal tooth sloping more anteriorly."

*Range and distribution*.—*P. soleniformis* (Bruguière) ranges from Pliocene to Recent. The living shell ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. The fossil shell is recorded from the Pleistocene of Cuba and St. Kitts, and from the Pliocene of Costa Rica.

## VENERIDAE

***Dosinia (Dosinidia) concentrica prosapia***, new subspecies Pl. 37, figs. 3-10; Pl. 38, figs. 1-4; Pl. 39, figs. 1, 2; Pl. 58, figs. 10, 11

Shell attaining a large size, moderately compressed to a little inflated, subcircular and thin when young, suborbicular to suboval and with a strong hinge plate when adult. Anterodorsal margin short and concave at the lunule, the posterodorsal margin long, gently convex, rather steeply sloping, and sharp at the edge. The greatest width generally is above the middle, whence the sides, on specimens of medium size, tend to converge toward the nearly semicircular ventral margin. On a number of specimens the greatest length is from the beak to the posterior end of the ventral margin where the valve is slightly produced. Beak subcentral, low, prosogyrate. Lunule relatively small, rather deeply depressed, cordate, marked by faint lirae which are a continuation of the concentric ribs from the umbonal area. Escutcheon absent. Exterior sculptured by flat subregular concentric ribs on the middle of the disk, the



ribs developing into raised subrounded ridges toward the extremities. There are about seven ribs to the centimeter on the middle area of the disk, but on the umbo and near the base they are closer together, those on the umbo quite regular; some of the ribs are intercalated and do not reach the margins. Hinge plate sturdy, excavated underneath, the base of the plate sharply curved downward below the anterior lateral, shallowly arcuate upward thereafter to the top of the posterior adductor scar. Ligamental platform large, flat, elongate-semielliptical, the base of the platform straight. In front of the platform, the nymph is hollowed deeply under the beak. Right valve with a small pit in front of and below the anteriormost cardinal tooth. The two right anterior cardinal teeth are close together, subparallel, and separated by a deep sublinear slit; the forward tooth of the pair is high and laminar, the hinder tooth of the pair higher, stouter, and more or less wedge-shaped, with a flat face at the slit, and a broad curved side away from the slit. The medial socket behind the latter cardinal is obliquely ovate, and after the socket there is a broad bipartite cardinal tooth, the asymmetrical sulcus dividing the tooth broad and relatively shallow, the walls on either side of the socket rather sharp. Behind the middle cardinal there is another deep narrow cleft, that bordered by a narrow ridge representing the posterior cardinal. Left valve with three divergent cardinal teeth; the anterior of these is sharp and narrowly bifid along the face, and, on the hinge plate below it, there is a small lateral node fitting into the corresponding pit of the opposite valve; the middle cardinal of the left valve is medially sulcate, and the posterior cardinal laminar; the socket between the anterior and middle cardinals is triangular, the socket between the middle and posterior teeth rather broad and sublinear. Inner anterior margin at upper end of valve broadly and shallowly concave, the concavity produced by a thickening along the front margin of the anterior adductor scar. Adductor scars large and distinct, the anterior one lenticularly ovate and narrowed above, the posterior scar broader and subpyriform. Pallial line remote from the margin and parallel with it. Pallial sinus triangular, sharply pointed at the apex on adults but blunted on juveniles, directed forward at an angle of about 45 degrees, the apex nearly reaching to the center of the valve.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (T418a), right valve, length 75.5 mm.; height 75 mm.; thickness 14.5 mm. Paratype (R419a1-2), paired valves separated by a filling of calcareous sandstone, length 67 mm.; height 70.5 mm. Paratype (R419b), hinge area of left valve, height of fragment 47 mm. Paratype (I418a), hinge area of left valve, length of fragment 52 mm. Paratype (G420a1-2), young broken valves of same pair, length 36 mm.; thickness of pair 14.5 mm. Specimen K414a, a doublet (illustrated), length 71.5 mm.; height 74 mm.; thickness of pair 28 mm. Largest specimen (M415a), illustrated, an internal mold of a doublet questionably identified as *D. concentrica prosapia*, n. subsp., length 98.3 mm.; height 89 mm.; thickness 33 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve, the holotype.

*Other localities*.—Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three doublets, all partially broken. Mare formation, 115 meters southeast of crossing of Quebrada Mare Abajo and coast road, and 90 meters southeast of W-12. One large broken doublet. Playa Grande formation (Maquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. Nine specimens including six poorly preserved doublets, the hinges of two right valves, and one hinge of a left valve. Playa Grande formation (Maquetía member), in Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Four specimens including three doublets and the hinge of a left valve. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. One doublet, poorly preserved. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Nine internal molds of paired valves.

*Comparisons*.—This form is close to *D. concentrica concentrica* (Born) (1780, Testacea Musei Caesarei Vindobonensis, p. 71, pl. 5, fig. 5) and to *D. elegans elegans* Conrad (see Clench, 1942, Johnsonia, vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 1-2, pl. 1). According to Clench, *D. concentrica concentrica* is consistently thicker than *D. elegans elegans* in proportion to height and length and is also not so high as *D.*



*e. elegans*. A consistent ratio of thickness to height or length cannot be established for the few Cabo Blanco specimens, but the measurements more nearly approach those of *D. c. concentrica*. Furthermore *D. concentrica* is the older name, and I therefore relate the present Venezuelan fossil to that species rather than to *D. elegans*. Whether or not the Cabo Blanco shell is identical with *D. concentrica concentrica* is difficult to determine, but as most of the Cabo Blanco examples are a little higher than long, and *D. concentrica* a little longer than high, the subspecific name of *D. concentrica prosapia* is proposed for the Venezuelan shell here described.

Species which *Dosinia concentrica prosapia*, n. subsp. resembles are the following:

*D. elegans* Conrad (see Clench, 1942, *Johnsonia*, vol. 2, No. 3, pp. 1-2, pl. 1). Upper Miocene to Recent, east America. *D. elegans* is a little longer than high, *D. c. prosapia* a little higher than long.

*D. elegans venezuelana* H. K. Hodson (1927, *Bull. Amer. Paleont.*, vol. 13, No. 49, p. 52). Widespread in the Miocene, State of Falcon, Venezuela. Adults of *D. e. venezuelana* are nearly circular and slightly longer than high, whereas adults of *D. c. prosapia* are suborbicular, and a little higher than long.

*D. acetabulum* Conrad (1832, *Fossil Shells of the Tertiary formations of North America*, p. 20, pl. 6, fig. 1). Miocene of New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and Florida; also reported from the middle Miocene of Panamá and Costa Rica, and from the Pliocene at Santa María Tatetla, México. As shown by Glenn (1904, *Maryland Geol. Sur.*, Miocene, p. 315, pl. 84, fig. 1) in his illustration of a left valve, the pallial sinus of *D. acetabulum* is not so acutely triangular as that of the Cabo Blanco fossil, and is less oblique than on *D. c. prosapia*.

*D. ponderosa* (Gray) (see Grant and Gale, 1931, pp. 351-352, pl. 15, figs. 1a, 1b, 1c). Recent from Baja California to Peru; Pleistocene from southern California to Ecuador. The pallial sinus is not as sharply pointed as in *D. c. prosapia*.

*D. ponderosa jacalitosana* Arnold (1910, *U. S. Geol. Sur.*, *Bull.* 396, p. 67, pl. 16, fig. 5). Miocene and Pliocene of California, U.S.A., and Baja California, México. The beak is much more prominent than on the Cabo Blanco species.

*D. grandis* Nelson (1870, p. 201). Upper Miocene of Peru and

Trinidad (as *D. titan* Maury), and the Pliocene of Peru (see Spieker, 1922, pp. 138-140, pl. 8, fig. 4). On shells of equivalent size the concentric ribs of *D. grandis* are wider than those of the Cabo Blanco fossil.

*D. ilesca* Olsson (1932, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 19, No. 68, pp. 104-105, pl. 9, figs. 1-2) from the lower Miocene Montera formation of Peru is a plumper form than *D. c. prosapia*.

*D. delicatissima* Brown and Pilsbry (1912, p. 516, pl. 26, fig. 1). Lower Miocene of Peru and Ecuador; middle Miocene of Panamá, Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador. The concentric ribs are finer than on the Cabo Blanco shell, and, according to Olsson (1932, p. 103), the lunule is smooth whereas on *D. c. prosapia* it is marked by striae continuing from the disk.

#### **Anomalocardia brasiliana** (Gmelin)

Pl. 38, figs. 5-8

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- 1843. *Venus macrodon* (Lamarck), Hanley, An Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of Recent Bivalve Shells, p. 116, pl. 9, fig. 7.
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and hardly depressed, the escutcheon also smoothish, lanceolate, and defined by the weak ridge of the submargin. Surface more or less covered with strong subregular concentric ribs, the ribs irregular and interrupted in the depressed area, but becoming prominent again as they extend over the posterior ridge to the submargin where they play out at the edge of the escutcheon. The interspaces are wider than the concentric ribs and are traversed by low broad subregular radial cords which are particularly pronounced on one of the two specimens collected.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen C539a, left valve, length 12.7 mm.; height 8.9 mm.; thickness 3.3 mm. Specimen C539b, right valve, length 10.8 mm.; height 8.8 mm.; thickness 3 mm.

*Locality*.—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Two specimens including one left valve and one right valve.

*Range and distribution*.—According to Abbott (1954), the Recent *A. brasiliiana* (Gmelin) ranges from the West Indies to Brazil, though earlier authors have reported it as far north as North Carolina, possibly confusing it with *A. cuneimeris* (Conrad) which is similar but more elongated. The fossil *A. brasiliiana* has been recorded from the Pleistocene of Florida, Barbados, and Brazil; from the Pliocene of Florida, Venezuela (near Cumaná), and Trinidad; and, according to Maury (1925, p. 318), from the upper Miocene of Trinidad on Freeport-Todd's road.

***Anomalocardia venezuelana*, new species**

Pl. 39, figs. 3-6

Shell small, subrostrate behind, subequilaterally triangular in outline, the posterior end slightly produced, the valve inflated except after the middle where it is flattened. Lunular area gently concave, the anterior end acutely rounded, the basal margin arcuate in front, subtruncate behind, the posterior end bluntly cuneate, the posterodorsal margin hardly convex, with a slope of about 45 degrees. Umbonal region swollen, the beak fairly high, situated a little in front of the middle, prosogyrate. Lunule elongate-cordate, slightly depressed, vaguely defined by the edge of the disk. Escutcheon elongate-elliptical, flattened, weakly delimited by the slight angulation at the margin of the disk, marked by faint growth striae. Surface sculpture consisting of fine subregular concentric riblets



on the umbo, succeeded below by widely spaced concentric laminae which become farther apart toward the base. There are approximately 15 riblets and 10 laminae, the latter extending to, but not over the margins of the lunule and the escutcheon, and forming a rather acute angle at the posterior rostration. The spaces between the laminae are flat and shallow, and are marked by faint microscopic striae. Hinge of right valve with three discrete cardinal teeth, the anterior one a minor lamina, the middle one small but stubbily cuneate, the posterior one relatively long and platy. Along the posterodorsal margin of the right valve there is a long groove which receives the edge of the opposite valve. Adductor scars faint, the anterior scar high and ovate, the posterior low and broadly suboval. Pallial line remote from the margin and parallel with it. Pallial sinus small, nearly erect, and bluntly triangular, the apex lying a short distance from the posterior adductor scar and embayed to about the mid-line of the scar. Ventral margin crenulate, the margins of the lunule and escutcheon more finely so.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (C399a), right valve, length 2.5 mm.; height 2.1 mm.; approx. thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (C399b), right valve, length 2 mm.; height 1.75 mm.; approx. thickness 0.7 mm.

*Type locality.*—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Three right valves.

*Comparisons.*—This species is characterized by its high triangular outline, laminar ribs, and subtruncate basal margin. In general appearance it is like the Recent *A. auberiana* (d'Orbigny) from Cuba, like the short high variation of the upper Miocene to Recent *A. brasiliiana* (Gmelin), and like the species referred to as *Astarte meridionalis* by Gabb (1881, p. 376, pl. 47, fig. 78) from the Pliocene near Limon, Costa Rica. All three of those species, however, are depressed in front of the posterior rostration, and their basal margin is embayed in varying degree at the depression. According to Dall (1902, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 26, No. 1312, p. 376) *A. auberiana* (d'Orbigny) (1842, Atlas, pl. 26, figs. 35-37; 1853, p. 277) is the same as *A. puella* (Pfeiffer) (1847, [in] Philippi, *Abbildungen und Beschreibungen neuer oder wenig gekannter Conchylien*, vol. 2, pt. 4, p. 108), and if this is so, as also suggested by McLean (1951, p. 87, pl. 17, fig. 6), the name *auberiana* has priority. Recent specimens of *A. auberiana* from Cuba are more inflated and

more attenuate posteriorly than *A. venezuelana*, n. sp. The type of *A. meridionalis* (Gabb) has broader concentric ribs than *A. venezuelana*, and the type of the Recent *A. nesiotica* Pilsbry (1930, Academy Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 82, p. 302) from the Bahamas is much more elongated than the Venezuelan fossil.

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The Recent Higuerote shells are robust, gibbous, tightly closed, trigonal in outline, subequilateral, with the posterior end a little narrowed and produced, and with the posterodorsal margin slightly steeper and somewhat longer than the anterodorsal margin. Umbo high and full, the beak slightly forward of the median line and strongly bent over the hinge. Lunular area broadly cordate, hardly depressed, faintly defined at the margin, often cream-colored, with a swath of chestnut near the hinge margin. Escutcheonal area not defined, elongate-cordate, often dark brown in color. Exterior smooth but with numerous concentric lineations. Interior shiny. Hinge strong, with a stout anterior lateral. Along the posterodorsal

margin there is a long groove on the right valve, and a lesser groove on the anterodorsal margin of the left valve. There are two sets of divided cardinal teeth, the posterior set coarsely serrated and more oblique than the anterior, the socket between the sets narrowly triangular. The right anterior lateral is a deep, somewhat elongate pit, the left anterior lateral an erect triangular tooth which fits into the pit of the opposite valve. Anterior muscle scar ovate, the posterior suborbicular. Pallial sinus short, oblique, "U"-shaped, well rounded at the forward end. Interior whitish but often stained a deep purple at the ends; on some specimens there are purplish hands in the umbonal cavity and a purplish tinge on part of the hinge. Exterior with alternating unequal rays of straw and chestnut, the rays of the right valve often more pronounced than those of the left valve on an individual pair.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B543b, paired valves, height 41 mm.; length 48 mm.; thickness 29 mm. Specimen B543a1, right valve of doublet, height 37 mm.; length 42.5 mm.; thickness 12.8 mm. Specimen B543a2, left valve of same doublet, height 37.2 mm.; length 43 mm.; thickness 12.5 mm. Largest Recent specimen, left valve, height 44 mm.; length 52 mm.; thickness 15 mm. Specimen D546a, left valve, height 8 mm.; length 9.9 mm.; thickness 3.3 mm. This is badly worn.

*Localities*.—On beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One hundred nineteen specimens including eight doublets, forty-three right valves, and sixty-eight left valves. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One left valve, the identification of which is not certain.

*Remarks*.—The Pliocene to Recent *T. byronensis* (Gray) (see Olsson, 1961, pp. 267-268, pl. 44, figs. 3, 6, 6a, 7, 8, 8a) from west America is a closely related species, and it is stated by Olsson that some specimens cannot be separated effectively if the locality is unknown.

*Range and distribution*.—*Tivela mactroides* (Born) is living in the Western Atlantic from the Florida Keys to Brazil. The fossil from the Abisinia formation (Pleistocene) referred to this species is not quite as tall as the typical Recent form but this may be due to wear. Another Pleistocene occurrence in Venezuela is recorded by van Bentham Jutting (1945, p. 78) from the Island of Margarita.



**Tivela (Planitivela) venezuelana**, new speciesPl. 33, fig. 7;  
Pl. 40, figs. 1-4

Shell small, scarcely inflated, somewhat inequilateral, subtriagonally ovate, the anterior end somewhat narrowed and a little produced. Anterodorsal margin straight, anterior end sharply rounded, basal margin shallowly arcuate, posterior end well rounded, posterodorsal margin slightly convex. Beak low, situated a little behind the middle. Lunule hardly depressed, long, subelliptical, faintly defined by a narrow crease. Escutcheonal area small, narrow, arcuate, undefined. Surface smooth, marked, below the subhyaline prodissoconch, by fine concentric lineations. Hinge of right valve with a long anterior lateral groove bordered above by another fine groove along the anterodorsal margin, the two grooves separated by a thin lamina; at the base of the main lateral groove is another lamina, this connected with the anterior cardinal; the middle cardinal of the right valve is rather sturdy and narrowly wedge-shaped, and is separated from the posterior cardinal by a narrowly triangular socket; the right posterior cardinal is the largest of the triad and is shallowly sulcate. Hinge of left valve with a long anterior lateral groove similar to that of the right valve, the lamina at the base of the groove joining the left anterior cardinal which is also laminar; atop the lateral groove is another delicate groove extending along the anterodorsal margin to near the anterior end of the valve; behind the left anterior cardinal are two slightly divergent cardinal teeth, and joining the hinder one of those is a posterior lamina which borders the fine groove at the posterodorsal margin. Adductor scars faint, the anterior moderately elongate and a little arcuate, the posterior scar broadly oval. Pallial sinus dimly lined, but under proper light it can be seen to arise at the base of the posterior adductor scar, extend obliquely forward in a U-shaped outline for about a third the length of the valve, and to be well rounded at the apex. Inner edge of ventral margin smooth, slightly beveled.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (J451a), right valve, height 4.1 mm.; length 5 mm.; thickness 1.3 mm. Paratype (I457a), right valve, height 6 mm.; length 8 mm.; thickness 1.8 mm. Paratype (T451a), left valve, height 3.9 mm.; length 4.8 mm.; length 4.8 mm.; thickness 1.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two left valves.

*Comparisons*.—*Tivela venezuelana*, n. sp., as represented by four young shells, is characterized by its slightly produced anterior end and its scarcely inflated valves. It is reminiscent of the Recent Eastern Pacific *T. planulata* (Broderip and Sowerby) (see Olsson, 1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, pp. 269-270, pl. 44, figs. 5, 5a) but is less sharply trigonal than that.

***Gouldia venezuelana*, new species**

Pl. 40, figs. 5-15

Shell small, somewhat compressed, subequilateral, rounded-subquadrate. Anterodorsal margin nearly straight, the ends of the valve well rounded, the ventral margin nearly semicircular, the posterodorsal margin straight to hardly convex. Umbonal region a little inflated, the beak subcentral, rather low, prosogyrate. Lunule large, long, and elliptical, bounded by a fine impressed line, marked by fine growth striae. Escutcheon wanting. Surface sculptured by low regular concentric riblets reticulated, particularly on the posterior half and anterior quarter of the valve, by subregular radial threads, the radii obsolescent on the middle-anterior half of the disk, the spaces enclosed by the concentric and radial elements in the form of square or rectangular pits. Base of hinge plate bowed down under the anterior lateral, more or less horizontal under the middle and posterior cardinals. Anterior lateral of right valve a small, somewhat elongated pit, with a minor lamina above and a thickened border below, the pit connected, via a shallower sulcus, with the deep interspace between the anterior and middle cardinals. Right anterior cardinal tooth platy, united above with the posterior tooth which is relatively thick and elongated; the right middle cardinal is separate, cuneate, and intermediate in size. Along the posterodorsal margin of the right valve, extending from the rear of the ligament to the curve of the posterior end, there is a narrow groove which receives the edge of the opposite valve. Hinge of left valve



with a prominent anterior lateral tooth, the groove above it strong and continuing to the top of the left anterior cardinal. The anterior and middle cardinals of the left valve are united above to form a caret, the anterior tooth sublaminar and smaller than the stout medial tooth; the left posterior cardinal is the largest of the triad, and is narrowly wedge-shaped. The anterodorsal margin of the left valve also bears a fine groove extending from near the beak along the inner edge of the lunule to the curve of the anterior end. Anterior adductor scar ovate, scarcely impressed, the posterior scar faintly visible and seemingly suboval. Pallial line well removed from the margin, embayed slightly in front of the posterior adductor scar. Margin smooth within, somewhat beveled.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (S533b), right valve, length 1.6 mm.; width 1.4 mm. Paratype (S533a), estimated length 1.7 mm.; height 1.5 mm. (This specimen was broken after it was photographed). Paratype (S532a), right valve, length 2.1 mm.; height 1.9 mm. Paratype (S422a), right valve, length 3.2 mm.; height 2.8 mm. Paratype (H421a), broken left valve, length 5 mm. Paratype (H527a,) hinge area of left valve, length 4.7 mm.

*Type locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Four right valves.

*Other localities.*—Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two left valves.

*Comparisons.*—The nearest related species is the middle Miocene *G. limonensis* Olsson (1922, pp. 405-406, pl. 32, fig. 18) from Port Limon, Costa Rica, that, however, having a more orbicular outline and a more convex posterodorsal margin. The Recent *G. cerina* (C. B. Adams) (see Clench and Turner, 1950, Occas. Papers on Mollusks, vol. 1, No. 15, p. 265, pl. 44, figs. 7-8), which ranges from North Carolina, U. S. A., to Brazil, in depths of 1 to 95 fathoms, is a more trigonal shell than *G. venezuelana*, n. sp. The west American *G. californica* Dall (see Olsson, 1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 271, pl. 39, fig. 9) is strongly reticulated over the whole of the disk, whereas on the Venezuelan fossil the radial sculpture is obsolete on the middle anterior area of the disk. The Recent *G. californica* ranges from the Gulf of California to Ecuador, and occurs in the Pleistocene (as *G. stephensae* E. K. Jordan) at Magdalena Bay, Baja California, México. *Circe* (pro-

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***Gouldia* ? *diffidentia*, new species**

Pl. 40, figs. 16, 17

Shell minute, hyaline, subtranslucent, suboval, moderately compressed, slightly oblique, inequilateral, the anterior end produced. Anterodorsal margin long and straight, sloping at an angle of about 20 degrees from the horizontal, anterior end well rounded and a little narrowed, ventral margin arcuate, posterior end shallowly rounded, posterodorsal margin short and straight, sloping about 30 degrees from the horizontal. Umbonal region somewhat swollen, the beak directed forward, situated at about the posterior third. Lunule not defined, the escutcheon wanting. Surface sculptured by small, faint, subregular concentric riblets, but there are no radial markings. Hinge of left valve with anterior lateral and three cardinal teeth. The lateral tooth is low and laminar, the groove above it extending to the top of the anterior cardinal. The anterior and middle cardinals are united above to form a rounded apex, the anterior cardinal flaring out below and continuing along the lower margin of the groove to join the lateral lamina. Looking down to the top of the hinge, the flare of the anterior cardinal is seen to produce a spoon-shaped process. The left posterior cardinal is slightly arcuate and narrowly cuneate, the groove of the nymph behind it narrow and shallow. Adductor scars dimly outlined, the anterior one slightly arcuate and suboval, the posterior scar subangularly ovate. Pallial line arcuate, shallowly and broadly embayed in front of the posterior adductor scar. Inner margin smooth.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (I510a), left valve, length 1.7 mm.; height 1.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside



above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One juvenile left valve, the holotype.

*Remarks.*—The long anterior end, and the absence of radial striae differentiate this shell from other American species. The character of the hinge and the slight pallial sinus suggest that it pertains to the genus *Gouldia*.

***Transennella caboblanquensis*, new species**

Pl. 41, figs. 1-8

Shell small, porcelaneous, moderately inflated, oval-subtrigonal, subequilateral to inequilateral. Lunular margin slightly undulatory and bowed down slightly just before the curve of the anterior end, anterior end broadly rounded, ventral margin shallowly rounded, posterior end acutely rounded, posterodorsal margin hardly convex to slightly humped. Umbo fairly plump, the beak prosogyrate, situated a little forward of the middle. Lunule large, cordate, circumscribed by a fine shallow sulcus, and marked by microscopic concentric striae. Escutcheon not defined. Surface polished and smooth, traversed by minute, nearly obsolete concentric wrinkles. On one well-preserved specimen there are also closely spaced microscopic radial filaments here and there on the surface, but these radii have not been observed on other examples. Hinge of right valve with an elevated platy posterior cardinal and two laminar anterior cardinals separated by a deep narrow slit; in front of the right anterior set of cardinals is a binary lateral, the lower tooth fairly thick, the upper one more or less laminar, with a moderately elongate pit between them, the pit receiving the strong anterior lateral tooth of the left valve. Hinge of left valve with a laminar posterior cardinal, a moderately stout cuneate medial cardinal, and a smaller anterior cardinal, the latter two converging to unite immediately under the beak, the socket between them triangular. The muscle scars are hardly visible, the anterior one high and ovate, the posterior scar exceedingly faint and seemingly pyriform. Pallial line remote from the margin, uniting with the basal limb of the pallial sinus to form an acute angulation. Pallial sinus broad, U-shaped, the embayment slightly ascending to nearly horizontal, the limbs subparallel, the apex bluntly rounded and reaching to about the center of the valve. Inner margin somewhat beveled, bearing the grooves characteristic of the genus. These

marginal grooves are fairly coarse, two or three in number along the base, subparallel with the edge of the valve, discontinuous, with their ends overlapping, occurring from immediately in front of the beak around the margin to the rear of the nymph.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (I516c), right valve, length 4.5 mm.; height 3.6 mm.; thickness 1.8 mm. Paratype (I516b), right valve, length 5.5 mm.; height 4.8 mm.; thickness 2 mm. Paratype (I516a), left valve, length 3 mm.; height 2.5 mm.; thickness 1 mm. Paratype (T517a), left valve, length of fragment 1.9 mm. Paratype (T517b), right valve, height of fragment 2.5 mm.; thickness of valve 0.9 mm. Largest specimen, left valve, not figured, length 7.7 mm.; height 6.2 mm.; thickness 2 mm.

*Type locality.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens including two right valves and two left valves.

*Other localities.*—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Ten specimens including five right valves and five left valves. Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve. Upper mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two specimens including one right and one left valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Four specimens including three juvenile left valves and one adult right valve.

*Comparisons.*—The nearest related species is the Recent *T. culebrana* (Dall and Simpson) (1901, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 486, pl. 55, fig. 5), but compared with the type of *T. culebrana* (No. 160064, U. S. National Museum), the Venezuelan fossil is not so sturdy, and is oval-subtrigonal in outline rather than subtrigonal. Also, the posterodorsal margin is slightly convex on *T. caboblanquensis*, n. sp. whereas *T. culebrana* has a longer and straighter posterodorsal margin and a slightly sharper posterior end.

Other east American species with which the Venezuelan fossil exhibits affinity are the following:

*T. cubaniana* (d'Orbigny) (1842, [in] La Sagra, Hist. phys., polit. et nat. l'Île de Cuba, vol. 2, p. 278 (1853), Atlas, pl. 26, figs. 44-46). Recent from Florida to the West Indies. The concentric



lineations of the surface are stronger and more regular than on *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. gerrardi* Abbott (1958, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 11, pp. 130-131, text fig. 7, pl. 4a-c). Recent, Grand Cayman Island. The union of the pallial line and pallial sinus is narrowly and acutely rounded; on *T. caboblanquensis* it is sharply angulate.

*T. stimpsoni* (Dall) (see Abbott, 1954, American Seashells, pp. 412-413, figs. 83a, b). Recent, North Carolina to the Bahamas; Pleistocene, Florida. The marginal grooves are more numerous and more tangential to the anterior edge of the shell than they are on *T. caboblanquensis*. Also the pallial sinus is narrower on *T. stimpsoni*.

*T. conradina* (Dall) (see Dall, 1902, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 26, No. 1312, pp. 348, 367, 379, pl. 13, fig. 6). Pleistocene to Recent. This is more acuminate posteriorly than the Venezuelan fossil.

*T. caloosana* Dall (1903, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, pp. 1242-1243, pl. 57, fig. 2). Upper Miocene to Pleistocene in Florida. The shape is more oval than that of *T. caboblanquensis*.

*T. carolinensis* Dall (1903, p. 1242, pl. 55, fig. 4). Upper Miocene in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; Pliocene in North Carolina. The outline is nearly equilateral whereas the Cabo Blanco shell is subequilateral to inequilateral.

***Transennella venezuelana*, new species**

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Shell small, moderately solid, high and obtusely trigonal, strongly inflated, subequilateral, the posterior submargin flattened. Anterodorsal margin short, straight, and steeply sloping, anterior end well rounded, ventral margin hardly arcuate, posterior end slightly narrowed and rounded, posterodorsal margin obliquely subtruncate below, convex above. Umbonal area swollen, the beak high, subcentral, prosogyrate. Lunule large, broadly elliptical, not depressed, bounded by a fine hardly impressed line, marked by faint obsolete growth lineations. Escutcheon wanting. Surface smooth but scored by faint microscopic concentric grooves and by occasional narrow sulci along lines of arrested growth. Hinge strong, the base of the hinge plate rather angulately undulatory. Left anterior lateral a high platy triangular tooth with a rounded apex,

the tooth separated from the margin by a narrow groove. The three cardinal teeth of the left valve are divergent, the anterior one thin, sharp, and slightly curved, the middle tooth high, asymmetrically wedge-shaped, and slightly sulcate, the posterior tooth laminar and affixed to the side of the nymph. Ligamental groove behind nymph narrow and moderately deep. Adductor scars dimly outlined, pyriform, the posterior scar a little broader than the anterior. Pallial line remote from and parallel with the ventral margin. Pallial sinus broad and deeply embayed, the upper line of the sinus subangulate, the apex rounded, projected nearly horizontally to a little beyond the middle of the interior. Inner margins with one to two long fine transennellid grooves, the grooves nearly parallel with the ventral margin, somewhat tangential with the lateral margins.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (S552a), left valve, length 6.2 mm.; height 5.5 mm.; thickness 1.7 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—This is a high, obtusely trigonal, strongly inflated shell, with a broad, deep pallial sinus. Among the American species of *Transennella* listed on the preceding page, *T. venezuelana*, n. sp., is most closely related to *T. carolinensis* Dall, differing from that, however, by its higher beak, larger pallial sinus, and more tumid valves.

### **Macrocallista maculata (Linnaeus)**

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Pl. 42, figs. 1-6

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The Cabo Blanco fossil referred to this species is porcelaneous and white, large, fairly thin, moderately compressed, flattened pos-



teriorly, the flattening generally delimited rather sharply from the disk. The majority of specimens are transversely ovate-trigonal, with some relatively broader than others, but there are a few young shells that are nearly oval in outline. On the former, the dorsal margin is humped in greater or lesser degree, and the posterior end is subangular at the curve with the basal margin. The oval form is rather regularly rounded at the ends, and the posterior flattening is very gentle. The hinge and other characteristics of the two forms are identical, and there is little question that they both pertain to the same species. Umbo moderately convex, the beak acute, prosogyrate, situated at the anterior third. Lunule elongate-cordate, hardly depressed, defined by a faintly impressed line, the right half of the lunule a little wider than the left half, marked by fine striae continuing from the disk. Escutcheon not defined. External surface smooth except for minute concentric lineations which become pronounced on the weathered surface. Ligamental platform elongate-lanceolate, the inner edge at the border of the nymph closely and finely corrugated. Dentition typical of the genus, the anterior left lateral tooth large, upright, triangular, fitting into the corresponding socket of the opposite valve. Right valve with a long faint groove starting at the angle of the posterodorsal margin and extending more than half way along the posterior margin, the edge of the left valve fitting into this groove. Anterior adductor scar high, rather strongly impressed, broadly ovate and with a fairly straight inner margin, the posterior scar inconspicuous, slightly larger than the anterior, the base of the scar acutely rounded. Pallial sinus wide, convergent in front, the sides subparallel, the apex acute, embayed nearly horizontally to the median line of the valve a little below the center. The surface layer of the shell flakes off readily and only rarely is the layer intact.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen G295a, left valve, length 64 mm.; height 50 mm.; thickness 14 mm. Specimen G295b, right valve, length 72.5 mm.; height 54 mm.; thickness 12 mm. Specimen G295c, left valve, length 33 mm.; height 25.7 mm.; thickness 6.8 mm. Specimen G295d, right valve, length 41.5 mm.; height 32 mm.; thickness 10 mm. Specimen G295e, left valve, length 13.9 mm.; height 10.1 mm.; thickness 2.8 mm. Specimen G295f, right valve, length 14.6 mm.; height 11.4 mm.; thickness 3.3 mm. Specimen

G295g (immature oval form), left valve, length 3 mm.; height 2.2 mm.; thickness 1.1 mm. Specimen G295h (immature oval form), length 5.8 mm.; height 4.4 mm.; thickness 1.2 mm. Specimen E295a, doublet, length 71 mm.; height 54 mm.; thickness 31.5 mm. Specimen I295a, right valve, length 33.2 mm.; height 28.4 mm.; thickness 6.6 mm. Specimen M295a, internal mold of attached pair, length 65 mm.; height 48 mm.; thickness 26 mm.

*Localities.*—Upper Mare formation at and near W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three hundred forty-six specimens including sixteen doublets, one hundred fifty-seven left valves, and one hundred seventy-three right valves. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Twenty specimens including thirteen left valves, six right valves, and one doublet. Upper Mare formation, 115 meters south-southeast of crossing of Quebrada Mare Abajo and coast road and 90 meters southeast of W-12. Nine specimens including four left valves, four right valves, and one doublet. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Fifteen specimens including nine right valves and six left valves. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Forty-eight specimens (mostly young) including twenty-nine right valves and nineteen left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Two specimens including one right valve and one left valve. Playa Grande formation at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. Thirteen specimens (mostly young) including seven left valves and six right valves. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), in bluff 125 meters west of the intersection of the Playa Grande Yachting Club road and coast road. One internal mold of a paired specimen. Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road about 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Eleven doublets, all of them internal molds. La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Four specimens including three left valves and one right valve. All of these specimens are immature and worn, and the identification is somewhat in doubt.



*Remarks.*—This fossil occurs in great numbers in the Cabo Blanco area, especially in the upper Mare formation where all sizes are found. Large specimens are rare in the lower Mare formation and in the Maiquetía member of the Playa Grande formation but are present again in abundance as molds in the Catia member of the Playa Grande formation.

The posterior flattening on the Cabo Blanco fossils is a little more pronounced than on Recent specimens of *M. maculata maculata* but otherwise the shells are identical.

*Range and distribution.*—Lower Miocene to Recent. Living from North Carolina, U. S. A., to Brazil, in depths to 40 fathoms. Pleistocene in South Carolina, Florida, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Aruba, Curaçao, and on the Island of Cubagua, Venezuela. Pliocene in Florida, Costa Rica, and Venezuela (near Cumaná, in Collection No. 18408 of the U. S. National Museum). Upper Miocene in Florida ? and Trinidad. Middle Miocene in Alabama ?, Florida, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Panamá, Colombia, and Venezuela. Lower Miocene in Venezuela. Miocene, Brazil.

**Pitar (Pitar) albida (Gmelin)**

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The immature shell referred to this species is small, sturdy, moderately inflated, oval-subtrigonal, subequilateral. Lunular margin slightly undulatory, anterior end a little attenuated and rather sharply rounded, ventral margin arcuate, posterior end shallowly rounded, posterodorsal margin hardly convex. Lunule elongate-cordate, outlined by the merest suggestion of an impressed line, nearly smooth except for scarcely discernible concentric growth striae. Escutcheon narrowly subelliptical, not well defined, bordered by the low subrounded edge of the disk, also nearly smooth. Umbonal region rather prominent, the beak subcentral, prosogyrate. Surface obsoletely marked by minute concentric wrinkles and scored here and there by exceedingly faint microscopic lineations. Hinge of right valve with a moderately stout, vaguely sulcate posterior cardinal, that united above to the much smaller and laminar anterior cardinal, the arch underlain by the central cardinal which is intermediate in size. The right anterior lateral is represented by a narrowish pit which receives the anterior lateral tooth of the opposite valve. Along the posterodorsal margin of the right valve there is an elongated groove into which nestles the edge of the left valve. Adductor scars scarcely visible, the anterior one seemingly ovate, the posterior seemingly oval. Pallial sinus V-shaped, projected obliquely, the blunt apex not quite reaching the median line of the valve and terminating against a faint linear crease in the interior, the crease extending from the umbonal cavity to the apex of the sinus. Ventral margin slightly and smoothly beveled within.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen C407a, juvenile right valve, length 1.9 mm.; height 1.7 mm.

*Locality*.—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. One juvenile right valve.



*Remarks.*—The identification is not certain as it is based on a single immature valve.

*Range and distribution.*—Recent, from Florida to Brazil, 4-25 fathoms. Pleistocene, Barbados. Pliocene, near Cumaná, Venezuela (Collection No. 18408, U. S. National Museum).

**Pitar (Pitar) maiquetiensis**, new species

Pl. 42, figs. 9, 10

Shell small, subtranslucent, moderately inflated, oval-subtriangular, a little inequilateral, the front end scarcely narrowed. Anterodorsal margin shallowly but evenly convex, anterior end well rounded, ventral margin arcuate, posterior end broadly rounded, posterodorsal margin slightly convex. Lunule relatively large, not depressed, cordate, bounded by a fine impressed line, microscopically striate. No escutcheon. Beak full, somewhat elevated, prosogyrate, situated a little forward of the middle. Surface somewhat glassy, marked by obsolete concentric lineations and an occasional fine concentric sulcus. Interior shiny. The right anterior lateral process of the hinge is a short pit bearing a minor denticle above and below, the lower denticle slightly the larger. Right anterior cardinal tooth narrowly wedge-shaped, united above with the posterior cardinal which is also cuneate but much larger and vaguely divided on the face; the middle cardinal of the right valve is separate, of intermediate size, and somewhat divergent with the anterior cardinal. Base of hinge plate bowed down at the anterior lateral, bowed up between the middle and posterior cardinals. Behind the posterior cardinal the nymph groove is narrow, deep, and somewhat irregular. Anterodorsal and posterodorsal margins bearing a fine groove, the posterior one longer and somewhat more prominent than the anterior. Anterior adductor scar lenticular, the posterior one not discernible. Pallial line well removed from the margin. Pallial sinus asymmetrically U-shaped, the upper limb of the sinus slightly ascending, the lower limb joining the end of the pallial line obtusely, the apex of the sinus rounded, reaching to near the center of the valve. Inner margin smooth, slightly beveled.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (T515a), right valve, length 1.9 mm.; height 1.7 mm.

*Type locality.*—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters

south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One immature right valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons.*—The distinguishing character of the new species is the gently and evenly convex anterodorsal margin. This serves to differentiate it from the east American *P. fulminata* (Menke) (1828, Synopsis Methodica Molluscorum . . . Museo Menkeano, ed. 2, p. 150) and from the west American *P. fluctuatus* (Sowerby) (see Olsson, 1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, pp. 275-276, pl. 43, figs. 7, 7a; pl. 45, figs. 5, 7). The Recent *P. fulminata* (Menke) (see Abbott, 1958, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 11, p. 131, pl. 4e, f) ranges from North Carolina, U. S. A., to Brazil, in depths of 1 to 170 fathoms, and the species has been recorded from the Pleistocene of Cuba. *P. fluctuatus* (Sowerby) is living from the Perlas Islands in the Gulf of Panamá southward to Santa Elena, Ecuador, in depths to 8 fathoms.

**Pitar (Pitar ?) antillensis**, new species

Pl. 33, figs. 8, 9

Shell small, moderately inflated, obtusely subtrigonal, somewhat inequilateral, the anterior end slightly produced and a little narrowed. Anterodorsal margin slightly and regularly convex, anterior end rather acutely rounded, ventral margin gently arcuate, posterior end broadly rounded, posterodorsal margin somewhat humped. Umbonal region full, the beak subcentral, moderately high, directed forward. Lunule large, not impressed, elliptical-cordate, hardly defined. Escutcheon narrow, not developed. Surface sculptured by small faint narrow concentric riblets on the umbonal region, the riblets becoming obsolescent below where the shell is nearly smooth. Left valve with a small low laminar anterior lateral, this merging with the higher anterior cardinal tooth but defined from it by a small notch; anterior and middle cardinals united above, the anterior cardinal slightly flared below, the middle cardinal small and cuneate; left posterior cardinal thinly lamellar. Anterior adductor scar slightly curved and lozenge-shaped, the posterior scar lenticular. Pallial line shallowly arcuate, subparallel with the ventral margin from which it is well removed. The dimly discernible pallial sinus is broadly U-shaped and slightly ascending, with a well-rounded apex which reaches to a little beyond the middle of the



interior, the lower limb of the sinus not quite parallel with the pallial line, the union of the limb and the line subrounded. Inner margin smooth, although because of corrosion it has a pseudo-transennellid appearance.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (1666a), left valve, length 2.7 mm.; height 2.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas; one young left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—Although much smaller, *P. antillensis*, n. sp. is somewhat reminiscent of *P. elenensis* Olsson (1961, p. 275, pl. 45, figs. 1-1b), a Recent Eastern Pacific form ranging from Panamá to northern Peru. However, the posterodorsal margin of the Venezuelan fossil is a little more arched than that of *P. elenensis*, and the lower limb of the pallial sinus is nearer the pallial line than it is on *P. elenensis*. The hinge dentition of *P. antillensis* is similar to that of the left valve of *Gouldia ? diffidentia*, n. sp. described elsewhere in this monograph, but in outline and other characters the two forms are distinct.

**Pitar (Nanopitar ?) marensis, new species**

Pl. 42, figs. 11-14

Shell glassy, subtranslucent, oval-subtrigonal, a little inflated. Anterodorsal margin hardly convex, anterior end well rounded, ventral margin arcuate, posterior end shallowly rounded, posterodorsal margin gently and evenly convex. Lunule large, broadly elliptical, outlined by a feeble incised line, marked by faint concentric growth striae. Escutcheonal area narrow, not defined, finely striated. Umbo full, the beak moderately high, subcentral, prosogyrate. External surface faintly scored by obsolete concentric lineations and marked by an occasional stronger concentric thread. Interior shiny. In the right valve the base of the hinge plate is bowed down under the anterior lateral, bowed up at the middle cardinal. Right anterior lateral represented by a pit which is thickened below and bears a small laminar tooth above. The pit is connected with the first cardinal interspace by an arcuate channel at the base of the anterior cardinal. Right anterior cardinal thin, united tenuously under the beak to the elongate posterior cardinal which is narrowly wedge-shaped and sulcate on the face; the middle cardinal of the

right valve is separate, subparallel with the anterior cardinal, and intermediate in size. Dorsal margins of right valve with a fine elongate groove, the posterior groove longer and a little stronger than the anterior. Anterior adductor scar fairly large, ovate and high, the posterior scar seemingly broadly pyriform. Pallial line well removed from the margin. Pallial sinus a broad embayment, the apex well rounded and projecting to near the center of the valve, the upper limb of the sinus nearly horizontal, the lower limb joining the end of the pallial line at an obtuse angle. Internal ventral margin smooth and beveled.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (1515b), right valve, length 1.8 mm.; height 1.5 mm. Paratype (1515a), right valve, length 1.3 mm.; height 1.15 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two right valves.

*Comparisons*.—The type of the subgenus *Nanopitar* is the Recent *P. (N.) pilula* Rehder (1943, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 93, No. 3161, pp. 188-189, pl. 19, figs. 5-10) from Lake Worth, Florida, and that is a suborbicular shell in contrast with the Venezuelan fossil *P. (N.) marensis*, n. sp., which is oval-subtrigonal in outline. The types of *P. marensis* are small and immature, and it is surmised that the adult also is a relatively small shell.

**Pitar (Pitarella ?) scutellaris, new species**

Pl. 33, fig. 10;  
Pl. 42, figs. 15, 16

Shell moderately inflated, inequilateral, subtrigonally oval, the posterior submargin somewhat flattened, the posterodorsal margin long and straight with a slope of about 40 degrees from the horizontal. Umbonal area full and rounded, the beak fairly high, prosogyrate, situated a little forward of the middle. Lunule large, diamond-shaped, bounded by a fine feebly impressed line, marked by extremely faint concentric growth striae. Escutcheon absent. Surface sculptured by close fine concentric riblets, the riblets of the inner layer of the shell sharper and more laminate. Hinge strong, consisting of an anterior lateral, three cardinals and a long, large, somewhat sunken and flattened ligamental area. The right anterior lateral consists of two low denticles separated by a small pit; the



right anterior cardinal and the posterior cardinal are united above in an arch, the arch underlain by the separate middle cardinal tooth which is asymmetrically wedge-shaped; the right anterior cardinal of the holotype is broken but it seems to be parallel with, and separated from the middle cardinal by a deep narrow cleft; the socket between the middle and right posterior cardinals is narrowly and obliquely triangular; the right posterior cardinal is bilaminar and virgated by a slit at the inner side. The character of the rest of the interior is not known.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G416a), umbonal area of a right valve, length of fragment 4.7 mm.; thickness at umbo (excluding teeth) 1.3 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One broken right valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—Although much of the single specimen is broken away, the straight slope of the posterodorsal margin, the diamond-shaped lunule, the large ligamental area, and the split posterior cardinal of the right valve, set this shell apart from other known pitarids. Somewhat similar forms are the west American *P. mexicanus* Hertlein and Strong (1948, Zoologica, vol. 33, No. 4, pp. 171-172, pl. 1, figs. 3, 8) and the Western Atlantic *P. penistonae*<sup>17</sup> (Heilprin) (1889, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 41, p. 142, pl. 8, figs. 4, 4a) from Bermuda. Among other differences, the Pleistocene to Recent *P. mexicanus* has an evenly convex posterodorsal margin, and *P. penistonae* has an evenly cordate lunule. *Callocardia ammondea* Woodring (1925, pp. 151-152, pl. 20, figs. 11-12) and *Callocardia elethusa* Woodring (1925, p. 152, pl. 20, figs. 13-14) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica are more strongly inflated than *P. scutellaris*, n. sp. The Peruvian *P. tumbezana* Olsson (1932, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 19, No. 68, pl. 10, figs. 1, 3) from the middle Miocene Cardalitos shale has a gently convex posterodorsal margin as has the middle Miocene *Callocardia gatunensis* Dall (1903, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, pp. 1260-1261, pl. 54, fig. 1) from the Panamá Canal Zone.

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<sup>17</sup>Originally named *Cytherca Penistoni* after Miss A. Peniston. To accord with the feminine gender, I take the liberty of amending the specific name to *penistonae*.

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Pl. 43, figs. 1-6

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 1818. *Cytherea dione* (Linnaeus), Lamarck, An. sans Vert., vol. 5, p. 570.  
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 1853. *Venus dione* Linnaeus, d'Orbigny, [In] La Sagra, Hist. phys., polít. et nat. l'Île de Cuba, vol. 2, pp. 274-275.  
 1853. *Dione veneris* Deshayes, Catalogue of the Conchifera or Bivalve Shells in the British Museum, pt. 1, p. 75.  
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1961. *Hysteroconcha dione* (Linnaeus), Olsson, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 284.
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Shell triangularly ovate, moderately inflated, subsolid. Beak anterior to the middle, prosogyrate. Lunule cordate, depressed, delimited by a faintly impressed line, marked with fine threads. Ligament lodged within a large lanceolate escutcheon which is narrowly lipped at the ligamental gape but flattish to slightly convex distally forming a posterior rostration. External sculpture consisting of narrow, elevated, widely spaced concentric ribs which are higher and lamellose in front, smooth and slightly recurved on the disk, and greatly reduced on the posterior slope and escutcheon; in the interspaces there are fine faint ridglets which become more prominent on the posterior slope. At the rear edge of the disk there is a radial ridge bearing a column of spines which project outward and backward, and behind that, on a second fainter ridge, there is another column of spines, the latter generally fewer in number than on the first ridge; the spines project from the end of every second or third primary concentric rib. Left valve with three cardinal teeth, the central one heavy and shallowly bifid, and with a stout erect anterior lateral tooth which fits into a corresponding socket on the opposite valve. Right valve with three cardinal teeth, the posterior one long, arcuate and bifid, the anterior ones separated by a deep slit. Pallial sinus angulately U-shaped, embayed nearly horizontally to about the median line of the valve below the center, the apex of the sinus gently rounded to blunt. Color violet and white on the disk, violet-brown on the escutcheon, and white in the interior except at the hinge which is a pale purple.

*Dimensions.*—Recent specimen B397a, right valve, length 31.2 mm.; height 25 mm.; thickness 7.6 mm. Recent specimen B397b, left valve, length 36 mm.; height 28.1 mm.; thickness 7.5 mm. Largest Recent specimen, right valve, length 46.9 mm.; height 38.5 mm.; thickness 11.5 mm. Fossil specimen D403a, umbonal fragment of right valve, length 18.4 mm.; thickness 7.3 mm. Fossil specimen J397a, rear fragment of right valve, height 18.5 mm.; thickness 6 mm. Fossil specimen 1413a, anterior fragment of left valve, height 17.4 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Twelve valves including nine right and three left. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One fragment of a right valve. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment of a right valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment of a left valve.

*Remarks.*—The west American analogues are *P. lupanaria* (Lesson) (see Keen, 1958, p. 130, fig. 292; and Olsson, 1961, p. 283, pl. 47, figs. 1-1c) and *P. multispinosa* (Sowerby). *P. lupanaria* ranges from Baja California to northern Peru, occurring along shore to depths of 13 fathoms, and has been reported in the Pleistocene of Oaxaca, México by Palmer and Hertlein (1936, Southern California Acad. Sci., Bull., vol. 35, pt. 2, p. 73). *P. multispinosa* (see Olsson, 1961, p. 284, pl. 47, figs. 2-2d) which also ranges from México to Peru, is more slender than either *P. lupanaria* or *P. dione*, and *P. lupanaria* has vague radial markings that are not present on the Venezuelan specimens of *P. dione*.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *P. dione* ranges from the Gulf of México to Brazil. It has not been previously reported as a fossil, but in addition to the present notice of its occurrence in the Abisinia and Mare formations at Cabo Blanco, Venezuela, it is also contained in Collection No. 18408 of the U. S. National Museum, which was obtained from the Pliocene near Cumaná, State of Sucre, Venezuela.

**Periglypta aff. listeri (Gray)**

Pl. 43, figs. 7, 8

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1902. *Cytherea (Cytherea) listeri* (Gray), Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 26, No. 1312, pp. 372, 390.
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1942. *Antigona listeri* (Gray), Jaume and Pérez Farfante, Soc. Cubana Hist. Nat. "Felipe Poey," Mem., vol. 16, No. 1, p. 39.
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Several fragments indicate that the adult species is of moderate fullness and has a truncate posterior end. The sculpture consists of subequally spaced, elevated, finely scalloped concentric laminae

crenulated by radial ribs, and separated by deep squarish interspaces which are a little wider than the laminae except at the base where crowding occurs. The concentric laminae are platy on the middle of the disk but lamellose on the front and rear. The scallops are arched toward the umbo, the arches of the scallops more pronounced and somewhat closer on the anterior and posterior ends. On the dorsal face of the laminae there are broad low rounded radial ribs, and on the under, or ventrad side of the laminae, there are corresponding flutings; the flutings are bounded by strong narrow riblets which continue on the interspace proper although with less sharpness, and between the latter there may be locally a minor intermediate riblet. The ventral margin is crenate within. Both adductor scars are high and relatively faint. The pallial sinus is not observable on any of the fragments.

*Dimensions.*—1410a, fragment of anterior end of left valve, height 27.5 mm. J443a, fragment of posterior end of right valve, height 26 mm.

*Localities.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three fragments. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment.

*Remarks.*—It is not possible to identify the Cabo Blanco fragments with certainty though there is little question of the affinity with the east American *P. listeri* (Gray). In turn *P. listeri* is the analogue of the Pleistocene to Recent *P. multicostata* (Sowerby) (see Olsson, 1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 293, pl. 50, figs. 3-3b), the slight difference lying in the outline of the posterior end of the valve which is vertical and truncated on *P. listeri*, subtruncated on *P. multicostata*. The posterior end of the Cabo Blanco fossil is more closely akin to *P. listeri*. A possible progenitor is the upper Miocene *P. mauryae* (Vokes) (Amer. Mus. Novitates, No. 988, p. 12, fig. 10) from Springvale, Trinidad, but the concentric ribs are farther apart than on either *P. listeri* or *P. multicostata*.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *P. listeri* ranges from Florida to northern South America. The fossil species has been reported from the Pleistocene of Cuba, Barbados, and the Island of Tortuga, Venezuela.



**Antigona (Ventricolaria) aff. rigida (Dillwyn)**

Pl. 43, figs. 9-11

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The form from Cabo Blanco is an internal mold of the attached

valves. The specimen is rounded-subquadrate and well inflated, with a subtruncate posterior end, a deeply arcuate lunular area, and crenulate margins. The impression of the muscle scars and pallial sinus cannot be seen.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen M411a, length 79 mm.; height 75 mm.; thickness of doublet 53 mm.

*Locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. One internal mold of a doublet.

*Remarks.*—The kinship of this mold to *A. rigida* (Dillwyn) is, of course, open to doubt. It is not even certain that the specimen in question is not the same species as that represented by the shell fragments which I have referred to as *Periglypta* aff. *listeri* (Gray), although the present form with its obese valves and deeply impressed lunule would seem to be more closely allied to *A. rigida* than to *P. listeri*. The west American analogue of *A. rigida* is the Pleistocene to Recent *A. isocardia* (Verrill) (see Keen, 1958, p. 124, fig. 268), but according to Verrill (1870, p. 221) it has a different and stronger hinge.

Also related to *A. rigida* is the fragment of shell illustrated as figure 11 on Plate 43. This fragment (H312a) measures 27.4 mm. in height, and was collected in the Mare formation at W-25 on the south flank of the Punta Gorda anticline. The sculpture of the fragment consists of strong subequally spaced laminar concentric ribs with deep interspaces. In the interspaces are smaller elevated concentric lamellae, the number of lamellae between the primary ribs usually three but occasionally two or four. The shell material is thick and came from a rather large adult specimen.

*Range and distribution.*—The present-day range of *A. rigida* (Dillwyn) is from Florida to Brazil. In the Pleistocene it has been found in St. Eustatius, Curaçao, Aruba, and Barbados. In the Pliocene it was reported by Gabb from Costa Rica. The species referred to as *A. rugosa* (Gmelin) by Olsson (1922, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 39, pp. 412-413, pl. 30, fig. 4) from the middle Miocene of Costa Rica is probably not the same as the Caribbean *A. rigida* (Dillwyn) or the west American *A. isocardia* (Verrill).



**Antigona (Ventricolaria) rugatina (Heilprin)**

Pl. 43, figs. 12, 13

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The worn left valve referred to this species is moderately inflated, orbicular, slightly depressed posteriorly. The posterodorsal margin is hardly convex, the posterior end subtruncate, the ventral margin semicircular, and the anterodorsal margin at the lunular groove concave with the forward end produced and nearly horizontal. The lunule is broadly cordate, sunken, circumscribed by a narrow groove but with the inner margin elevated, sculptured by concentric lamellae. There is no escutcheon to speak of on the left valve, the area represented by a narrow feeble sulcus. The beak is moderately high, prosogyrate, subcentral. The surface sculpture consists of subequally spaced concentric lirae recurved toward the umbo, and between these there are minor concentric lamellar ridgelets numbering as many as six near the base. Vague radial threads are present locally but these probably appear from the inner layer of shell where

the outer layer has been worn off. The posterior cardinal of the left valve is arcuate and platy, the middle one stout, subrectangular, and shallowly sulcate, the anterior cardinal tooth obliquely cuneate, broadening toward the base; in front of that there is a low but fairly large tubercle. The adductor scars and pallial sinus are obliterated, but the fine crenulations of the ventral and lunular margins may still be observed.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A402a, left valve, length 19.7 mm.; height 18.3 mm.; thickness 6 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One worn left valve.

*Remarks*.—*A. rugatina* was first described by Heilprin in 1887 from the Pliocene "Floridian" formation exposed in the Caloos-hatchee River below Fort Thompson, Florida. There, according to Dall and Simpson (1901), the adult fossil may be as much as 90 cms. long, whereas adult Recent specimens are 25 to 35 mm. in length and are more orbicular than the fossil type. Among Recent examples of the species, the worn Venezuelan shell is identical to the worn Puerto Rican form illustrated by McLean (1951).

*Range and distribution*.—Pliocene to Recent. Living from North Carolina to Brazil at depths of 85 fathoms; Pliocene, Florida.

**Chione (Chione) cancellata (Linnaeus)**

Pl. 44, figs. 1-8

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Numerous fossil examples of this species were collected at La Salina and the Cabo Blanco area. The shell is moderately compressed to moderately inflated, subtrigonally ovate, slightly attenuated posteriorly, the disk with a feeble radial depression or flattening behind the middle. Anterior end well rounded, ventral margin generally shallowly rounded, posterior end subangularly rounded at the curve of the ventral and posterodorsal margins, the posterodorsal margin long and straight except near the beak where it forms a slight hump. Beak appressed in the adult, sharply pointed, prosogyrate, situated in front of the middle. Lunule relatively large, broadly cordate, defined by a sharply incised groove, sculptured by low radial ridges which are crossed by concentric, often lamellose striae. Escutcheon lanceolate, flat, sloping inward, narrowly lipped adjacent to the ligamental groove, marked by numerous fine longitudinal striae, delimited by the sharp edge of the disk. Hinge plate strong, the middle cardinal of the left valve the stoutest, the base of the plate bowed down somewhat beneath the anterior cardinal. Right valve with a long narrow groove along the edge of the escutcheon, the corresponding groove of the left valve a little lower and more delicate. Anterior adductor scar high, rather deeply sunken, semi-elliptical, its inner margin straight and impressed, the outer margin a little thickened; posterior adductor scar relatively faint, broader and shorter than the anterior scar, and subsquarish or suboval. The pallial sinus is a very short and rather broadly triangular embayment with a blunt or rounded apex not rising above the median line of the posterior scar, and close to but not touching the margin of the scar. The ventral and anterodorsal margins are closely crenate, the crenulations of the ventral margin occurring in pairs or clusters and obsolescent at

the rear, the denticles of the anterodorsal margin small and single, extending along the edge of the lunule and terminating above the central cardinal of the hinge. External sculpture consisting of slightly thickened elevated lamellar concentric ribs, with low strong radial cords in the interspaces, the cords themselves crossed by numerous concentric growth striae. The concentric ribs are generally widely spaced, are closely frilled on top, and prominently fluted or corrugated on their under, or ventrad side. The radial cords are single on the umbo, but below the umbo intercalary cords develop, and attain with growth the same size as the primary ones; all of the cords continue weakly up the upper, or dorsad face of the concentric ribs. Generally a number of the radial cords behind the middle of the disk are a little broader and flatter than the ones in front or at the very rear. Such coloration that still remains on some of the fossil shells is seen as narrow brown stripes or flammules crossing the escutcheon, some of the stripes straight, others curved, all of them rather widely separated.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen C400a, right valve, length 21 mm.; height 18.1 mm.; thickness 5.6 mm. Specimen C400b, left valve, length 23 mm.; height 21.2 mm.; thickness 4.7 mm. Specimen T400a, right valve, length 23.2 mm.; height 19.4 mm.; thickness 4.6 mm. Specimen T400b, left valve, length 32.1 mm.; height 26 mm.; thickness 8 mm. Specimen 1400a, right valve, length 17 mm.; height 15.1 mm.; thickness 3.9 mm. Specimen 1400b, left valve, length 17.8 mm.; height 15.9 mm.; thickness 4 mm. Specimen J400a, right valve, length 18.2 mm.; height 15.4 mm.; thickness 3.7 mm. Specimen J400b, left valve, length 39.4 mm.; height 33 mm.; thickness 9.4 mm.

*Localities.*—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Two hundred eighty-seven specimens including one hundred fifty-one right valves and one hundred thirty-seven left valves. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Eleven specimens including six right valves and five left valves. Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Nine specimens including five right valves and four left valves. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Thirty-three specimens including seventeen right valves and



sixteen left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twelve specimens including nine left valves and three right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three specimens including two left valves and one right valve. Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Two left valves, the identification doubtful.

*Remarks.*—Although variable in shape and in details of sculpture, *Chione cancellata* (Linnaeus) is characterized by the usually widely spaced concentric ribs, and by a short, nearly erect pallial sinus. The species is locally exceedingly abundant, either living or fossil, throughout its chronologic and geographic range.

The shells from La Salina are slightly thinner than those from the Cabo Blanco area, and none of them is as large as the largest of the latter. A number of specimens from both areas are more closely and regularly ribbed concentrically than the majority of examples, but the two variants seem to represent the same species.

*Range and distribution.*—Miocene to Recent. The living *C. cancellata* ranges from Virginia, U. S. A., through the Gulf of México and the Caribbean Sea, to Brazil. In the Pleistocene, *C. cancellata* occurs in South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana (in well cuttings), Panamá, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Barbados, Curaçao, and Venezuela. In the Pliocene it is found in South Carolina, Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula of México, Venezuela (near Cumaná), and Trinidad (at Matura). The species also occurs in the Miocene of Venezuela, and has been reported from deposits of that age in South Carolina and from the Galveston well (1550-2871 feet) in Texas.

**Chione (Chione) pailasana**, new species,

Pl. 44, figs. 9-11

Adult shell large, sturdy, rounded subtrigonal, inequilateral, nearly equivalve. Anterodorsal margin relatively short, anterior end and ventral margin rounded, posterior end acutely rounded, posterodorsal margin long and somewhat convex. Beak appressed, sharply pointed, prosogyrate, situated in front of the middle. Lunule large, cordate, slightly depressed, defined by a sharply incised groove, the half of the lunule on the right valve a little wider than on the left valve. The area of the lunule immediately under the beak is sculptured by low radial ridges crossed by a few concentric laminae,

but the ventrad area of the lunule is sculptured by numerous coarse concentric lamellae on the upper face of which there may be weak radial riblets. Escutcheon large, lanceolate, sloping inward, a little broader on the left valve than on the right, and also narrowly lipped adjacent to the ligamental groove of the left valve, delimited by the sharp raised edge of the disk, and sculptured by numerous fine longitudinal striae. Hinge plate strong, the base of the plate bowed down a little under the anterior cardinal. Dentition normal, the middle cardinal of each valve the highest. Right valve with a long narrow groove along the edge of the escutcheon into which fits the corresponding edge of the left valve. Anterior adductor scar high, rather deeply sunken, semi-elliptical, the inner margin of the scar straight, the outer margin somewhat thickened; posterior scar not so deeply impressed, broadly pyriform or subcylindrical. The pallial sinus is a short triangular embayment with a blunt apex not rising above the median line of the posterior adductor scar, and close to, but not touching the margin of the scar. The ventral and anterodorsal margins are closely crenate within, the crenulations of the ventral margin sometimes occurring in pairs or clusters, and obsolescent at the rear, the crenulations of the anterodorsal margin small and single, extending along the edge of the lunule and terminating above the central cardinal tooth of the hinge. Sculpture of the exterior consisting of up to 32 concentric ribs, the ribs of the upper two-fifths or so of the disk widely separated, the ones below subequal and closely spaced. The upper concentrics are raised and lamellar, closely frilled on top and corrugated or fluted on their ventrad side, these corrugations becoming obsolescent on the ribs toward the base of the valve. The concentrics on the lower three-fifths or so of the disk are thicker, flattened, and recurved toward the umbo, the interspaces much narrower than those on the umbonal area. However, the lower concentrics lose their flatness on the posterior fourth of the disk where they become more erect and decidedly lamellar. The interspaces of the lowest concentric ribs are lined with low sharp concentric striae or laminae, but radial markings are absent. However, the radial sculpture is pronounced on the upper area of the disk. On the umbo the radial cords are single but below the umbo intercalary cords develop, and attain with growth, the same size as the primary ones; all of the radial cords continue weakly up the



upper, or dorsad face of the concentric ribs. Generally, a number of radial cords behind the middle of the disk are a little broader and flatter than the ones in front or at the rear. Such coloration that still remains on some of the fossils is seen as narrow brown stripes or flammules crossing the escutcheon, some of the stripes straight, others curved, all of them widely spaced.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (P401a), a doublet, length 47 mm.; height 43 mm.; thickness of pair 27.5 mm. Paratype (R401a), left valve, length 43.8 mm.; height 39 mm.; thickness (not including elevation of ribs) 13.2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member), north bank of Quebrada Las Pailas, about 35 meters south of Mare Abajo fault and 150 meters southwest of junction of Maiquetía anticline with the Mare Abajo fault. Three specimens including one doublet, one right valve, and one left valve.

*Other localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Brucas, approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One left valve.

*Comparisons*.—The nearest related species is the middle Miocene *Chione atlantica* Anderson (1929, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 18, p. 172, pl. 23, figs. 5-6) from northern Colombia, that species differing, however, in having a straighter posterodorsal margin than *C. pailasana*, n. sp., and in having a subtruncate posterior end instead of the acutely rounded one of the Venezuelan shell. The umbonal area of *C. pailasana* is similar to that of the Miocene to Recent *C. cancellata* (Linnaeus), but *C. cancellata* is less inflated, has a smaller lunule, and is always characterized by a posterior flattening of the disk not present on the new species. Also I have seen no Recent examples of *C. cancellata* with as many concentric ribs as the new species, and on none of the Recent examples of *C. cancellata* do the closely spaced concentric ribs start as high up on the disk as they do on *C. pailasana*. The Recent *C. pinchoti* Pilsbry and Olsson (Nautilus, vol. 64, No. 4, pp. 109-110, pl., g, figs. 7-8), from Limon Bay, Panamá, is a smaller, more trigonal shell, with fewer concentric ribs, and a moderately deep pallial sinus.

***Chione (Chione ?) mamensis*, new species**

Pl. 33, figs. 11, 12;

Pl. 44, figs. 12, 13; Pl. 45, figs. 1, 2

Shell small, moderately compressed to somewhat inflated, oval-subquadrate, slightly depressed posteriorly. Anterodorsal margin short and fairly straight, anterior end rounded, ventral margin shallowly arcuate, posterior end usually subtruncate, posterodorsal margin long and straight. Umbo moderately full, the beak prosogyrate, situated a little anterior to the middle. Lunule cordate, not impressed, circumscribed by a thin sharp groove, ornamented with small radial riblets which are crossed and frilled by low concentric lamellae. Escutcheon lanceolate, flat to slightly depressed medially, marked by concentric growth laminae, defined by the subangular edge of the disk, colored by a few irregular transverse streaks of faded brown. Surface reticulated by fairly regular radial cords crossed by subequally spaced concentric lirae, the lirae elevated and recurved slightly toward the umbo, but becoming laminar near the posterior end where they lie nearly flat. The gently rounded radial cords, averaging 24 in number, are mostly single and separated by subequal interspaces, but in front of the middle and toward the base, the cords are double on some specimens. Occasionally there may be an interstitial thread between the primary radii. In addition to the numerous fine concentric growth striae traversing the disk there are an average of 24 primary concentric lirae, the lirae elevated and minutely scalloped at the top on most of the disk but flatter-lying and frilly on the posterior fourth of the valve. Right valve with a minor cardinal tooth adjacent to the nymph; in front of that is a taller erect triangular cardinal tooth separated from the posterior one by a narrow sulcus; the socket in front of the middle cardinal is subtrapezoidal, the anterior tooth bordering the socket the largest of the triad and more or less cuneate in appearance; the anterior and medial cardinals converge toward the beak but do not meet; ahead of the right anterior cardinal tooth there is an arcuate socket with a small laminar tooth above it. Along the posterodorsal margin of the right valve there is a long, rather prominent groove which receives the edge of the other valve. Hinge of left valve with a minor posterior cardinal, a stout cuneate central cardinal, and a smaller and narrow anterior cardinal tapering toward the beak. Anterior adductor scar high, ovate, impressed; posterior scar faint, suboval, and with a broad low radial hump running through it on the left valve, the hump not discernible on the right valve. Pallial



sinus obscured. Ventral, anterior, and lunular margins crenulate within, the crenulations coarse and single or faintly bidenticulate along the middle of the ventral margin, then suddenly becoming finer, closer and arranged in series on the anterior end, and subsequently longer and somewhat oblique at the lunular margin.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (S401a), right valve, length 13 mm.; height 11.2 mm.; thickness 4 mm. Paratype (S401b), left valve, length 11.2 mm.; height 9.7 mm.; thickness 3.3 mm. Paratype (D401a), right valve, length 10 mm.; height 9 mm.; thickness 3.7 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Eight specimens including five right valves and three left valves.

*Other localities*.—Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One right valve.

*Comparisons*.—This species closely resembles the Recent *C. guatulcoensis* Hertlein and Strong (1948, Zoologica, vol. 33, p. 182, pl. 1, figs. 2, 4, 6, 10; pl. 2, figs. 1, 8, 12, 13) which ranges from México and Panamá in depths to seven fathoms, but *C. guatulcoensis* is a little more pointed posteriorly and less regularly lirate than *C. mamoensis*, n. sp., and the radial sculpture of *C. guatulcoensis* is obsolete in the medial anterior ventral area. Compared with the type of *C. mazyckii* Dall (1902, U. S. Nat. Mus. Proc. vol. 26, No. 1312, pp. 373, 382-383, pl. 13, fig. 2), a Recent species of the Western Atlantic which is reported as ranging from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil, *C. mamoensis* bears more concentric lirae. The subgeneric classification of *C. mamoensis* is uncertain as the pallial sinus cannot be made out on any of the Cabo Blanco specimens.

**Chione (Chione ?) laciniosa**, new species

Pl. 45, figs. 3-6

Shell suborbicular, somewhat inequilateral, moderately inflated, rather solid. Margin of disk in front of the beak concave, the anterior and ventral margins forming part of a circle, the posterodorsal margin long and gently convex with an overall slope of about 40 degrees from the horizontal, the union of the posterodorsal and ventral margins obtusely angulate. Umbo full, the beak fairly high, prosogyrate, situated a little forward of the middle. Lunule large, slightly appressed, elongate-cordate, sharply defined by a narrow

impressed groove, sculptured by coarse concentric lamellae bearing faint microscopic radial striations. Escutcheon narrow, hardly developed. Surface sculpture consisting of subregular concentric laminae with low radial riblets on the dorsad face, the spaces between the laminae narrow and flat, and marked by single radial threads. The concentric laminae are sharp and foliaceous, particularly at the posterior submargin, in the early stages of growth, and somewhat thickened in the adult stage, the summit of the laminae minutely scalloped. The radial threads in the interspaces are rather strong, each one terminating at the groove between the riblets at the base of the dorsad face of the laminae, but continuing up the lower, or ventrad face of the laminae. Hinge of right valve with three separate cardinal teeth, the anterior one a lamina rising from the wall under the lunular margin, the middle one stout and cuneate, the posterior tooth large, high, slightly arcuate and weakly sulcate, the groove of the nymph behind it deep. Below the posterodorsal margin of the right valve there is a narrow groove which receives the edge of the opposite valve. Adductor scars faint, the anterior suboval, the posterior subpyriform. Pallial line rather remote from, and parallel with the basal margin. The configuration of the pallial sinus cannot be made out but there is the suggestion that it is small and close to the posterior adductor scar. Ventral and lunular margins crenulated within.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (I401a), immature right valve, length 2.4 mm.; height 2.3 mm.; approx. thickness 0.7 mm. Paratype (I405a), hinge area of broken adult right valve, length of fragment 3.7 mm.; approx. thickness at umbo 1.1 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two right valves, one a whole adolescent, the other a broken adult.

*Comparisons*.—Among the numerous allied forms, the closest perhaps is *C. morsitans* Olsson and Harbison (1953, p. 112, pl. 13, fig. 3) from the upper Miocene and Pliocene of Florida, the Venezuelan shell differing from that in its more orbicular outline. Other analogous species from east and west America are the following:

*C. bainbridgensis* Dall (1916, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 51, No. 2162, p. 499, pl. 84, figs. 5-6). Upper Oligocene and lower Miocene, southeastern United States. The union of the posterodorsal



and ventral margins is more rounded than on *C. laciniosa*, n. sp.

*C. cortinaria* (Rogers) (see Mansfield, 1932, Florida State Geol. Sur., Bull. No. 8, pp. 125-126, pl. 23, fig. 8). Upper Miocene in Virginia and Florida, U. S. A. The anterior and middle cardinals of the right valve are more closely approximate, and the outline of the valve more trigonal than on *C. laciniosa*.

*C. cribraria* (Conrad) (see Palmer, 1927, Palaeontographica Americana, vol. 1, No. 5, p. 142, pl. 38, figs. 1, 8, 9; pl. 39, figs. 3, 24, 1929). Miocene and Pliocene from Virginia to South Carolina, U. S. A. The outline is subtrigonal, that of the Venezuelan shell suborbicular.

*C. guppyana* Maury (1912, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., 2 ser., vol. 15, p. 59, pl. 9, fig. 19). Miocene and Pliocene of Trinidad. The pallial sinus is deep and obtusely triangular.

*C. intapurpurea* (Conrad) (see Abbott, 1954, American Seashells, p. 401, pl. 39g). Pleistocene of the Gulf states; Recent from North Carolina to the West Indies. The right anterior and middle cardinals are roughly parallel, subequal in size, and separated by a deep narrow cleft; also the lunule is shorter and more broadly cordate than on *C. laciniosa*.

*C. pubera* Valenciennes (see Palmer, 1927, p. 141, pl. 38, figs. 2, 5, 6, 12). Recent, Gulf of México and Caribbean Sea. This is more elongated than *C. laciniosa*.

*C. retugida* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington Publ. No. 366, pp. 161-162, pl. 22, figs. 5-6). Middle Miocene of Jamaica. This is elongate-ovate whereas the Venezuelan shell is suborbicular.

*C. sawkinsi* Woodring (1925, pp. 159-160 pl. 21, figs. 12-14). Lower Miocene of the Dominican Republic; middle Miocene of Jamaica. The right anterior cardinal is much stouter and more rounded than on *C. laciniosa*.

*C. socia* Pilsbry and Johnson (1917, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 69, p. 199; Pilsbry, 1921, *ibid*, vol. 73, p. 423, pl. 47, figs. 12, 13). Miocene of the Dominican Republic. This has fewer concentric laminae than *C. laciniosa*, and the crenulations at the middle of the ventral margin are paired.

*C. spenceri* Cooke (1919, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 291, p. 150, pl. 15, figs. 1a, b). Oligocene of Antigua. The concentric laminae "are smooth on the dorsal surface and on the upper part

of the ventral surface, but with a row of beads, contiguous to the radial ribbing, at the base of the ventral surface."

*C. walli* (Guppy) (1866, Geol. Soc. London, Quart. Jour., vol. 22, p. 581, pl. 26, fig. 16). Miocene in Trinidad, Colombia, and Peru. This is more trigonal in outline than *C. laciniosa*.

*C. woodwardi* (Guppy) (1866, p. 292, pl. 18, fig. 1). Lower Miocene of the Dominican Republic; middle Miocene of Jamaica. The right anterior cardinal is stouter and more rounded than on *C. laciniosa*.

*C. californiensis* (Broderip) (1835, Zool. Soc. London Proc., p. 43; Sowerby, 1855, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 2, p. 711, pl. 154, figs. 40-41). Upper Pliocene to Recent, the Recent shell ranging from California to Panamá in depths to 38 fathoms. The concentric laminae are less frilly than on *C. laciniosa*.

*C. fluctifraga* (Sowerby) (1855, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 2, p. 712, pl. 154, figs. 42-43). Upper Pliocene to Recent, the Recent shell ranging, mainly intertidally, from California to México. This species lacks the well-defined lunule of the Venezuelan shell.

*C. oulotricha* Gardner (1936, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 14, pp. 33-34, pl. 7, figs. 1-2). Middle Miocene in Ten Mile Creek, Calhoun County, Florida. More elongated than *C. laciniosa*.

*C. richthofeni* Hertlein and E. K. Jordan (1927, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 4, vol. 16, No. 19, pp. 619-620, pl. 17, figs. 4, 7, 8). Lower Miocene of Baja California, México. The lunular area is more concave than on *C. laciniosa*.

*C. temblorensis* Anderson (1905, California Acad. Sci., Proc., ser. 3, vol. 2, No. 2, p. 196, pl. 14, figs. 36-38). Lower Miocene, California. The escutcheon is much more pronounced than on the Venezuelan *C. laciniosa*, n. sp.

*C. undatella* (Sowerby) (1835, Zool. Soc. London Proc., p. 22; 1885, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 2, p. 711, pl. 153, fig. 22). Pliocene to Recent, the Recent shell ranging from southern California to Peru in depths to 50 fathoms. The laminae are less frilly than on *C. laciniosa*.

**Chione (Timoclea) tacaguana**, new species

Pl. 45, figs. 7, 8;  
Pl. 46, figs. 1, 2

Shell small, sturdy, moderately inflated, oval-suboblong, a little



longer than high, slightly depressed posteriorly. Anterodorsal margin straight and slightly sloping, anterior end rounded, ventral margin arcuate, posterior end subtruncate, posterodorsal margin long and nearly straight. Beak moderately high, prosogyrate, situated well in front of the middle. Lunule fairly large, cordate, not impressed, circumscribed by a fine groove, sculptured by coarse concentric lamellae which overrun small radial riblets. Escutcheon elongate-elliptical, flat to hardly depressed, narrowly thickened adjacent to the ligamental groove, delimited by the angulate edge of the disk, marked by fine longitudinal striae. Surface reticulated by more or less evenly spaced radial cords crossed by numerous subequal concentric lirae, the lirae slightly wider apart on the upper middle of the disk than on the umbo or base. The radial cords number 30 or more, and from about the middle of the valve toward the rear they are medially bifurcated. The concentric lirae, of which there may be 50 or so, are laminar, minutely ruffled on the middle of the disk, scalloped, slightly overlapping and crowded on the anterior end, and more open and frilled on the posterior end. Hinge with three discrete cardinal teeth on the left valve, the anterior one narrowly cuneate, the middle stout and subrectangular, the posterior laminar and arcuate. On the right valve the posterior cardinal is laminar, the middle one high and platy, the anterior large and cuneate; in front of the right anterior cardinal there is an oblique socket bordered above by a small laminar tooth, and behind the right posterior cardinal the arcuate ligamental groove is deep and narrow. Along the posterodorsal margin of the right valve there is a strong, long, asymmetrical groove which receives the edge of the opposite valve. Anterior adductor scar impressed and ovate, the posterior scar larger but fainter, and subquadrate in outline. Pallial sinus small, subtriangular, with a rounded apex which is embayed to opposite the middle of the posterior adductor scar. Ventral and lunular margins crenulate within, the posterior end of the valve smooth. The escutcheon of the holotype is traversed transversely by five widely separated stripes of faded brown.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (S401c), left valve, length 13 mm.; height 11 mm., thickness 4.2 mm. Paratype (S401d), right valve, length 11.8 mm.; height 10.4 mm.; thickness 3.9 mm. Largest

specimen, left valve, length 16.4 mm.; height 13.7 mm.; thickness 5 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three specimens including two left valves and one right valve.

*Comparisons*.—The new species at once recalls the Pleistocene to Recent *C. pygmaea* (Lamarck) (see Warmke and Abbott, 1961, Caribbean Seashells, p. 186, pl. 38j), but *C. pygmaea* is more elongated and is well rounded at the posterior end rather than subtruncate as is *C. tacaguana*, n. sp. The new species is also similar to the Miocene to Recent *C. grus* (Holmes) (1860, Post-Pleiocene fossils of South Carolina, p. 37, pl. 7, fig. 5) but that is differentiated by its smaller size and by its much narrower and sunken escutcheon.

***Chione (Chionopsis) subrostrata* (Lamarck)**

Pl. 45, figs. 9-14

- 1818. *Venus subrostrata* Lamarck, An. sans Vert., vol. 5, p. 588.
- 1835. *Venus subrostrata* Lamarck, Deshayes, An. sans Vert., vol. 6, p. 343.
- 1846. *Venus portesiana* d'Orbigny, Voyage dans l'Amérique Méridionale, p. 556, pl. 83, figs. 1-2.
- 1852. *Venus Beau* Récluz, Jour Conchyl., vol. 3, p. 412, pl. 12, figs. 15 a, b.
- 1864. *Venus Beau* Récluz, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 95.
- 1889. *Venus Beau* Récluz, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 54.
- 1889. *Venus beau* Récluz, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 64.
- 1902. *Venus subrostrata* Lamarck, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 26, No. 1312, pp. 373, 393 (part).
- 1903. *Chione subrostrata* (Lamarck), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 6, p. 1289.
- 1910. *Chione subrostrata* (Lamarck), Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 37, No. 1704, p. 268 (part).
- 1925. *Chione (Chione) subrostrata* (Lamarck), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, p. 306.
- 1925. *Chione (Chione) portesiana* (d'Orbigny), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, No. 42, p. 307, pl. 28, fig. 3; var. *beau* Recluz, Maury, pp. 307-308, pl. 28, fig. 3.
- 1927. *Chione (Chione) subrostrata* (Lamarck), Palmer, Palaeontographica Americana, vol. 1, No. 5, pp. 358-359, pl. 40, figs. 3, 4, 19, 20; pl. 44, fig. 20 (1929).
- 1934. *Chione subrostrata* Lamarck, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 48.
- 1936. *Venus (Chione) subrostrata* Lamarck, Lermond, Check List of Florida Marine Shells, Gulfport, p. 24.
- 1937. *Chione subrostrata* (Lamarck), Smith, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 54, pl. 20, fig. 7.
- 1938. *Venus subrostrata* Lamarck, Lamy and Fischer-Piette, Mus. Nat. Hist. nat. Paris, Bull., 2d ser., vol. 10, No. 4, p. 402.
- 1945. *Venus subrostrata* Lamarck, Van Benthams Jutting, Geolog.-Mijnbouw. Genootschap Nederland en Kolonien, Geol. ser., vol. 14, p. 78.
- 1948. *Chione subrostrata* (Lamarck), Hertlein and Strong, Zoologica, vol. 33, pt. 4, No. 13, p. 184.



1949. *Chione subrostrata* (Lamarck), Lange de Morretes, Mus. Paranaense, Arq., vol. 7, art. 1, p. 38.
1958. *Chione subrostrata* (Lamarck), Keen, Sea Shells of Tropical West America, p. 144.

The Recent shell from Higuerote is moderately inflated, generally ovate-subtrigonal but occasionally suborbicular, the subtrigonal form slightly produced posteriorly and subangularly rounded at the curve of the posterodorsal and ventral margins, the suborbicular form with a nearly semicircular ventral margin. Beak full, prosogyrate, a little anterior to the middle. Lunule cordate, defined by a finely incised groove, sculptured by seven to nine nodulose radial cords which are crossed by concentric laminae continuing from the disk. Escutcheon elongate-elliptical, flattened, marked by numerous growth lines, the inner edge at the ligamental groove arcuate and narrowly thickened, the outer edge delimited by the generally sharply angulate margin of the disk. Surface sculpture consisting of 20 to 40 low lamellar concentric ribs, with strong low radial cords in the interspaces, the cords crossed by numerous concentric growth striae. The concentric ribs extend from the beak to the base, are widely and subequally spaced on the umbo and central area of the disk but more closely spaced toward the ventral margin; the ribs are finely frilled along the top edge and corrugated on their ventrad face by strong short regular crenations. The radial cords are low, fairly broad, regularly spaced (although a little more crowded posteriorly), the interspaces a little narrower than the cords; on the umbonal area the radial cords appear to be single, but under the lens are seen to be compounded of one or two microscopic radii; below the umbo the cords become bipartite, and then tripartite toward the base, the divisions weak on some specimens, strong on others; on the posterior of the disk the radial cords are single. On the under, or ventrad face of the concentric ribs there are first two, and later three strong crenations of equal size, the crenations regularly disposed atop the radial cords. Hinge of left valve with a stout, somewhat sulcate middle cardinal, in front of which is an erect anterior tooth which fits into the deep narrow socket of the opposite valve. Hinge of right valve with a stout, slightly sulcate posterior cardinal, the receptor socket in front of it deep and subrectangular, the sides subparallel. Anterior adductor

scar ovate, the posterior scar broadly subcylindrical. Pallial sinus oblique, obtusely triangular, rounded at the apex which is on a line with, but considerably removed from the upper margin of the posterior adductor scar. Ventral and lunular margins finely crenulate within. The coloration is variable. Some specimens are white throughout except for a tinge of purple on the inner face of the lunule and in the cavity to the rear of the escutcheon. On most of the specimens the lunule is brownish in whole or in part, and the escutcheon flecked, flammuled, or stained chestnut-brown. Several specimens are straw-colored on the exterior and bear interrupted rays of chestnut-brown. Three specimens are mostly black and gray on the outside, with bands and flushes of blue-black and gray in the interior, these specimens also having brown on the lunule and bands of chestnut-brown crossing the escutcheon.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen B400a, right valve, light in color, length 21.3 mm.; height 19 mm.; thickness 5.1 mm. Specimen B400b, left valve, blackish, length 20 mm.; height 17 mm.; thickness 6 mm. Specimen A404a, right valve, worn, length 15 mm.; height 13 mm.; thickness 5 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Nine specimens including five left valves and four right valves. Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One worn right valve, the identification of which is somewhat doubtful.

*Remarks.*—The shells from Higuerote exhibit considerable variation in color, shape, and number of concentric lirae. The more elongated forms are like d'Orbigny's *C. portesiana*, and the sub-orbicular forms like *C. beau* Récluz. Both of those, according to Palmer, are synonymous with *C. subrostrata* (Lamarck).

*Range and distribution.*—Recent, southern Florida to Brazil. Van Bentham Jutting (1945) reported *Chione subrostrata* as a fossil from the Quaternary at Punta Gorda, Venezuela, and although she gave no precise locality at Punta Gorda, I believe it must have been in the immediate vicinity of what I (Weisbord, 1957) have called the Punta Gorda anticline. On the south flank and near the axis of this faulted anticline a narrow fossiliferous wedge of the Mare formation (Fig. 5) is exposed. Unconformably atop this wedge are heterogeneous unfossiliferous cobble gravels. On the north flank



of the Punta Gorda anticline, and somewhat lower in elevation than the Mare wedge is the Maiquetía member of the Playa Grande formation with its included *Lithothamnium* bioherm (Figs. 6, 7) and associated mollusks. In one place or another at Punta Gorda the heterogeneous and unfossiliferous gravels unconformably overlie both the Mare and Playa Grande formations, and these gravels may well be Pleistocene in age. I did not find *Chione subrostrata* at Punta Gorda, but I would venture the opinion that the form identified as this species was collected in either the Playa Grande or Mare formation, and as I continue the study of the fossils from these formations the evidence increasingly suggests that they are pre-Pleistocene in age.

***Chione (Liophora) riomaturensis* Maury**

Pl. 45, figs. 15, 16;  
Pl. 47, figs. 1-6

1925. ?*Chione (Liophora) latilirata* (Conrad), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 313-314, pl. 29, figs. 1, 2, 9.  
1925. *Chione (Liophora) riomaturensis* Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 314-315, pl. 29, fig. 4.  
1927. *Chione (Liophora) riomaturensis* Maury, Palmer, Palaeontographica Americana, vol. 1, No. 5, p. 389, pl. 44, fig. 9 (1929).

The Venezuelan shell referred to this Trinidad species is thick, moderately compressed, trigonal in outline, a little longer than high. Anterodorsal margin at the lunule subangularly concave, the anterior end acutely rounded, the ventral margin arcuate, the posterior end subangularly rounded, the posterodorsal margin long and straight except at the beak where it is slightly convex. Beak flattened on top, prosogyrate, situated a little forward. Lunule cordate, sunken in the middle, defined by a narrowly incised groove, the inner edge slightly elevated, marked by concentric striae which develop into low laminae with age. Escutcheon long, lanceolate, flattened to hardly concave, arcuately and weakly lipped adjacent to the ligamental groove, delimited sharply by the angulate edge of the disk, marked by numerous regular growth striae. Surface sculptured by five to fifteen concentric ribs, the number depending on the stage of development. The prodissoconch is small and smoothish, but on the umbo there are two or three widely spaced low laminar ribs, the later of these with a tendency to become recurved toward the beak. Below the umbo the ribs are broad, swollen, and billowy on adolescent speci-

mens but convex and shingle-like or older shells, the ribs on the latter rising slightly above the base of the preceding rib and separated from it by a deep narrow channel. Generally, on the umbo, there is one rib which is larger than ones immediately above it as well as the first one or two below it. Anteriorly the principal ribs terminate just before the lunular groove, but posteriorly, more often than not, the swollen ribs suddenly thin out and are continued over the posterior area as narrow elevated ridges to the border of the escutcheon. Occasionally a rib or two does not pinch out into a lamina but ends a short distance away from the border of the escutcheon. Rarely, a rib is outflung into a pointed tip at the posterior extremity. On larger specimens the face of the ribs is marked by delicate wavy concentric growth incrementals, and at the base of the ribs there are generally faint radial lineations. The interspaces themselves are smooth. Hinge strong and normal, each valve with three cardinals, the anterior one, especially that of the right valve, the smallest; on the right valve the posterior cardinal has a deep groove behind it whereas on the left valve the posterior cardinal is fused to the nymph. Nymph pitted on left valve, arrayed with small chevron-like denticles on the right valve. Along the edge of the escutcheon is a narrow groove, the groove longer and sharper on the right valve than the left. Anterior adductor scar ovate, impressed, thickened slightly at the outer margin; posterior adductor scar faint, suboval. Pallial sinus short and triangular, the apex subacute, pointed forward and upward, embayed to a point opposite the middle of the posterior adductor scar. Ventral and lunular margins closely crenate.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen 1398a, left valve, length 36.6 mm.; height 32.1 mm.; thickness (excluding ribs) 10 mm. Specimen H398a, right valve, length 34.7 mm.; height 28.2 mm.; thickness (excluding ribs) 7 mm. Specimen J398a, right valve, length 14.6 mm.; height 12 mm.; thickness (excluding ribs) 3.1 mm. Specimen J398b, left valve, length 14.3 mm.; height 12.3 mm.; thickness (excluding ribs) 4 mm.

*Localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Five specimens including three right valves and two left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens



including two right valves and two left valves. Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Nine specimens including five left valves and four right valves. Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Five right valves.

*Comparisons.*—Like many of the billowy-ribbed species of the subgenus *Lirophora*, the Cabo Blanco shell referred to *C. (L.) riomaturensis* Maury exhibits considerable variation in superficial sculpture, particularly at different stages of development. Young Cabo Blanco specimens of *C. riomaturensis*, for example, also closely resemble the small Trinidad shell identified by Maury as *C. latilirata* (Conrad), though it may well be that both of Maury's forms represent the same species, one of them being the adolescent, the other the adult. However, I doubt that this species is the typical Miocene to Recent *C. latilirata* of Conrad as the ribs of *C. latilirata* s.s. (Conrad) are rather regular, and cease, without pinching out, before reaching the border of the escutcheon. The Trinidad and Venezuelan forms here referred to *C. riomaturensis* Maury are closer to the upper Miocene of Recent *C. latilirata athleta* (Conrad) (see Mansfield, 1932, Florida State Geol. Sur., Bull. No. 8, p. 130, pl. 25, figs. 8-9) although according to Conrad the ribs of *C. l. athleta* are without posterior laminae whereas on *C. riomaturensis* the ribs are often, though not always, pinched into a lamina on the posterior area near the escutcheon. On the Pleistocene and Recent *C. paphia* (Linnaeus) (see McLean, 1951, p. 86, pl. 17, fig. 9; and Fischer, 1887, p. 1084, pl. 20, fig. 7) the concentric ribs are more regular and more numerous than on *C. riomaturensis*, and each of them pinches out posteriorly into a lamina rather far removed from the escutcheon.

Other fossil analogues of *C. riomaturensis* Maury are the following:

*C. chiriquiensis* Olsson (1922, p. 420, pl. 32, figs. 9-10). Middle Miocene, Costa Rica. In side view, with the short axis of the valve held vertically, the lunular margin is seen to be arcuate whereas on the Cabo Blanco *C. riomaturensis* the forward end of the lunular margin is nearly straight and horizontal.

*C. cartagenensis* H. K. Hodson (1927, p. 63, pl. 31, fig. 4; pl. 35, fig. 6) from the Miocene at Cartagena, Colombia, and *C.*

*matarucana* H. K. Hodson (1927, p. 64, pl. 35, fig. 4) from the Miocene in the State of Falcon, Venezuela, do not have so steep a posterodorsal margin as does *C. riomaturensis*, and the ribs are less billowy than on *C. riomaturensis*.

*C. latilirata colombiana* Weisbord (1929, pp. 254-255, pl. 4, figs. 8-10). Middle Miocene, Colombia. This has more regular ribs than the Cabo Blanco shell, and none of them pinches out into a lamina near the escutcheon.

*C. hendersoni* Dall (see Woodring, 1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 163-164, pl. 22, figs. 7-10). Oligocene and lower Miocene of Puerto Rico; Lower and middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, middle Miocene of Jamaica. The concentric ribs are more numerous and more regular than those of *C. riomaturensis*.

*C. cymaina* Gardner (1936, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 14, pp. 36-37, pl. 5, figs. 14-15). Middle Miocene, Florida. The ribs are broader, fewer, and even more irregular than on the Cabo Blanco *C. riomaturensis*.

*Range and distribution.*—Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad. The form listed by Guppy (1867, Sci. Assoc. Trinidad Proc., pt. 3, p. 189) as *Venus paphia* Linnaeus, from the Pliocene near Cumaná, Venezuela, is probably the same species as the one referred to herein as *C. riomaturensis*.

**Chione (Lirophora) cultellata, new species**

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Shell small, compressed, trigonal, inequilateral. Anterodorsal margin long and hardly concave, anterior end acutely rounded to subangular, ventral margin arcuate, posterior end subangularly rounded, posterodorsal margin steeply inclined, somewhat humped at the umbo, straight and long below. Lunule scarcely depressed, ill-defined, long, narrow, subcordate to elliptical, marked by a few faint growth striae. Escutcheon long, flat, lanceolate, nearly smooth. Beak appressed, prosogyrate, subcentral. Surface sculptured, below the smooth prodissoconch, by remote, elevated, thin to laminar concentric ribs (five on the paratype) extending across the disk from the edge of the lunule to the border of the escutcheon. With growth the ribs on the main part of the disk become progressively higher, thicker at their base, and bent or recurved toward the



umbo, but along the border of the escutcheon the ribs retain their lamellar character. The wide and flattish interspaces between the ribs are nearly smooth, though they are scored with microscopic concentric lineations through which the fine radii of the inner layer of the shell may be vaguely reflected if not already bared through corrosion of the surface layer. Ligamental groove narrow and arcuate. Hinge of right valve with a small laminar anterior, a moderately stout and deltoid medial, and an elongated posterior cardinal. Cardinal teeth of left valve diverging from beneath the beak, the anterior tooth larger than that of the opposite valve, and the posterior cardinal smaller than that of the opposite valve. Along the escutcheon of the right valve there is a long narrow groove to receive the edge of the left valve. Anterior adductor scar ovate and slightly sunken, the posterior scar faint, and more or less oval. Pallial sinus U-shaped, moderately short and broad, nearly erect, the apex well rounded and embayed to a point near and a little below the top of the posterior adductor scar. The ventral margin of the valves is finely crenate within, but because of imperfect preservation, it cannot be determined whether the narrow lunular margin is also crenate.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G409a), right valve (broken along ventral margin), length 4.3 mm. Paratype (G408a), left valve, length 4.7 mm.; height 3.9 mm. Paratype (1406a), left valve, length 4 mm.; height 3.7 mm.; thickness (excluding ribs) approximately 1 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two valves, one right and one left.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo; one left valve.

*Comparisons*.—The nearest related species is *C. quirosensis* H. K. Hodson (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 49, p. 62, pl. 35, fig. 9) from the upper Oligocene or lower Miocene in the State of Falcon, Venezuela, but the Cabo Blanco shell is more inequilateral and has a steeper posterodorsal slope than the Falcon form.

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***Petricola (Naranio) lapicida* (Gmelin)**

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Shell subquadrate, slightly oblique, inflated, inequilateral, the ventral margin and posterior end more or less subtruncate. Beak moderately high, somewhat flattended on top, situated a little forward of the middle, prosogyrate. Lunule and escutcheon wanting. Teeth relatively short, consisting, on the left valve, of a laminar anterior, a broad stout bifid medial, and a platy posterior cardinal, the latter nearly parallel with and shorter than the ridge at the nymph from which it seems to be splayed off. Anterior adductor scar elliptically ovate, the posterior scar rudely orbicular. Pallial sinus wide, U-shaped, shallowly rounded at the apex, extending somewhat obliquely to slightly beyond the middle of the valve. Surface sculptured by numerous distinct radial divaricating and chevron-like threads, the disk also crossed by fine concentric growth lamellae and several narrow sulci at intervals of growth stoppage. Inner margins plain.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen S549a, left valve, length 12 mm.; height 11.2 mm.; thickness 3.9 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Three left valves. Also reported from Quaternary at Punta Gorda by van Bentham Jutting (1945, p. 78).

*Range and distribution*.—Recent from South Carolina to Brazil at depths of 68 fathoms. Smith (1885, Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, pp. 4, 17, 113) reported the occurrence of a few juveniles in 7 and 8 fathoms off the north coast of Australia, and the species has been recorded in the Pacific and Indian Oceans as well as in the Red Sea. As a fossil *P. lapicida* (Gmelin) is found in the Pleistocene of Barbados and the Pliocene of Florida.

***Petricola* (*Rupellaria*) *typica* (Jonas)**

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Shell rude, inflated, somewhat distorted, inequilateral, varying in shape from subtrapezoidal to ovate (the posterior end of the former shallowly rounded to subtruncate, the latter moderately attenuated posteriorly), the ventral margin generally obliquely



subtruncate and embayed slightly behind the middle, the embayment coinciding with a broad radial depression on the disk which forms below the umbonal region and continues to the base. Umbo rounded, the beak low, flattened on top, directed anteriorly, situated in front of the middle, the distance from the middle greater on the ovate forms than on the boxy ones. Below, and a little ahead of the beak there is a short pronounced linear sulcus. Surface sculptured by fairly sharp subequally spaced vermicular radiating ribs (of which there are as many as 46 on one of the specimens), the ribs strongest on the posterior fourth of the disk, fainter and more crowded on the anterior submargin. Crossing the ribs are fine closely spaced concentric growth lamellae, these forming small triangular vaulted arches on the basal area of the posterior submargin on adults. Hinge of right valve with two cardinals, a spikelike anterior and a platy posterior, separated by a broad open socket. Hinge of left valve with a rudimentary anterior cardinal, a stout bifid medial cardinal, and a platy posterior cardinal which is lower than and subparallel with the medial tooth. Anterior adductor scar rather long and subelliptical, the posterior scar a little smaller and more or less orbicular. Pallial sinus wide, slightly ascending, broadly and shallowly rounded at the apex, projecting forward to not quite the middle line of the valve. Ventral margin delicately crenate within. The shell color is straw without, whitish within but often stained there a pale brown in the sinus area and along the ventral margin.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen A506a, valves attached, length 11 mm.; height 9 mm.; thickness of pair 8.3 mm. Specimen A 506b, left valve, length 13.8 mm.; height 13 mm.; thickness 5.1 mm. Specimen A506c, right valve, length 16 mm.; height 13.5 mm.; thickness 4.6 mm. Fossil specimen D506a, incomplete right valve, length 13.3 mm.; height 11 mm., thickness 5 mm. Largest specimen (Recent), length 18.8 mm.; height 15.1 mm.; thickness 6.2 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Seventeen specimens including nine left valves, six right valves, and two doublets. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. Two poorly preserved left valves. Also reported from Quaternary at Punta Gorda by van Bentham Jutting (1945, p. 78), but the fossiliferous strata at Punta Gorda are probably pre-Pleistocene in age.

*Remarks.*—The west American analogue is the Pleistocene and Recent *P. robusta* Sowerby (see Keen, 1958, p. 152, fig. 349), that differing slightly from *P. typica* by its shorter pallial sinus.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *P. typica* ranges from North Carolina, U. S. A., to Brazil and Argentina. The species also occurs in the Pleistocene of Cuba, and, according to Dall, in the Pliocene of Florida.

***Pleiorytis venezuelensis*, new species**

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Shell small, thin, moderately inflated, subquadrate, inequilateral, the ventral margin of the left valve (1507b) warped and turned in (probably fortuitously) anteriorly. Anterior end of right valve (1507a, the holotype) well rounded, posterior end subtruncate, ventral margin shallowly arcuate and with a mere suggestion of a gape behind the middle where the disk below the umbonal region is slightly depressed; posterodorsal margin long, fairly straight, and moderately sloping, the anterodorsal area in front of the beak slightly concave. Umbonal region full, the beak moderately high, appressed on top, directed forward, situated near the anterior fourth of the valve. Lunule and escutcheon not developed. Externally the valve is concentrically wrinkled by uneven undulations and small subregular threads, the surface also crossed by numerous fine, wavy radial striae which are minutely granular. Hinge of right valve with a shallow ligamental sulcus bordered by a pinched and moderately elevated nymph resembling a posterior cardinal; in front of the nymph, and separated from it by a narrow slit, is a small fairly high bifid medial cardinal, and anterior to that, but below and diverging from it, is a laminar anterior cardinal. Hinge of left valve with a thin triangular posterior cardinal, a short wide triangular and seemingly bifid medial cardinal, and a short laminar spurlike anterior cardinal projecting from beneath the edge of the lunular area. Adductor scars distinct, the anterior large and arcuately ovate, the posterior scar a little smaller and subrounded, the base of both scars lying below the midline of the interior. Pallial sinus large and deep, projecting obliquely to well above the center of the valve, the apex subacute. Pallial line faint, roughly parallel with the ventral margin. Inner margins thin but built up incrementally.



*Dimensions.*—Holotype (I507a), right valve, length 4 mm.; height 3 mm.; thickness 1.5 mm. Paratype (1507b), left valve, length 3.7 mm.; height 3.3 mm.; thickness 1.4 mm. Paratype (T507a), right valve, length of broken specimen 4.5 mm.

*Type locality.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two specimens including one right valve and one left valve.

*Other localities.*—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One small broken right valve.

*Remarks.*—The distinguishing characters of this shell are the deep oblique pallial sinus, the relatively low adductor scars, and the long, moderately sloping posterodorsal margin. The form is close to *P. caroniana* (Maury) (1925, pp. 274-275, pl. 20, fig. 16) from the upper Miocene of Trinidad and to *P. delicata* (Weisbord) (1929, p. 257, pl. 5, fig. 4, as *Asaphis*) from the middle Miocene of Venezuela, the latter considered by Vokes (1938, Amer. Mus. Novitates No. 988, p. 15, fig. 11) to be the same as *P. caroniana*, and also reported from the upper Miocene of Trinidad. It is difficult to compare the Cabo Blanco shell with *P. caroniana* and *P. delicata* because of the paucity of specimens, the considerable differences in size, and the inaccessibility of the interior of the types of *P. caroniana* and *P. delicata*. Superficially, however, the young *P. venezuelensis*, n. sp. seems to be distinguishable from the adolescent holotype of *P. caroniana* and the adult topotype of *P. caroniana* by its longer, straighter, and more sloping posterodorsal margin. The superficial resemblance between *P. venezuelensis* and *P. delicata* (Weisbord) is rather close but as the interior of the type *P. delicata* is not known and the valve much larger than that from Cabo Blanco, the latter is provisionally considered distinct.

Other species with a surface sculpture similar to that of *P. venezuelensis* are the following:

*Petricola multistriata* Brown and Pilsbry (1912, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia Proc., vol. 64, pp. 516-517, pl. 26, fig. 2). Middle Miocene, Panama Canal Zone. This lacks the long, straight, and sloping posterodorsal margin of *Pleiorthis venezuelensis*, n. sp.

*Petricola caimitica* Maury (1917, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5,

No. 29, pp. 383-384, pl. 37, fig. 11). Middle Miocene, Dominican Republic. This is more orbicular than the Cabo Blanco *P. venezuelensis*.

*Pleiorytis centenaria* Conrad (see Gardner, 1936, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 14, p. 39, pl. 6, figs. 3-4). Upper Miocene of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. Much larger, much more prominently threaded radially, and with higher adductor scars than *P. venezuelensis*.

*Petricola harrisi* Dall (1900, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, p. 1060, pl. 43, fig. 1). Later Miocene, Maryland. This has an angulate pallial sinus and a high posterior adductor scar. Mansfield (1932, Florida State Geol. Sur. Bull. No. 8, p. 149) suggested that this might be a deformed specimen of *Pleiorytis centenaria* Conrad.

*Pleiorytis boweni* Gardner (1936, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 14, pp. 40-41, pl. 6, figs. 5, 8, 9). Middle Miocene of Florida. The pallial sinus is only slightly ascending and is truncated at the apex.

*Petricola calvertensis* Dall (1900, p. 1060, pl. 44, fig. 14). Later Miocene of Maryland. This has a broader, more rounded, and less oblique pallial sinus than *Pleiorytis venezuelensis*, n. sp.

*Petricola tellimyalis* (Carpenter) (see Pilsbry and Lowe, 1932, p. 97, pl. 13, figs. 12-13). Recent from southern California. This has a shorter and more broadly rounded pallial than *Pleiorytis venezuelensis*. (Palmer, 1958, p. 100, pl. 12, figs 1-5 holotype.)

*Petricola botula* Olsson (1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 317, pl. 55, figs. 7, 7a, 8). Recent from the Pacific coast of Panama. This has a large rounded pallial sinus.

*Petricola charapota* Olsson (1961, p. 317, pl. 54, fig. 7). Recent, along the coast of Ecuador. The posterior adductor scar is higher than on the Cabo Blanco fossil from Venezuela.

*Petricola peruviana* Olsson (1961, p. 315, pl. 55, fig. 9). Recent from Ecuador to northern Peru. The large rounded pallial sinus extends nearly to the middle of the shell cavity whereas the sinus of *Pleiorytis venezuelensis* is more linguiform and extends to well above the center of the interior.



## TELLINIDAE

**Tellina (Tellina ?) species indeterminate**

Pl. 48, fig. 13

Figured for the sake of completeness is the mold of a right valve on which the shell material of the umbo is adherent. The valve is thin and elongate-oval, with the merest suggestion of a posterior twist. The shell surface is smooth but marked by faint concentric undulations and lineations. The beak is appressed, fairly acute, situated a little behind the middle. The dorsal region after the beak is flattish. The nymph is prominent, coarsely scored, and lanceolate, bordered by a deep ligamental groove. Just visible through the fine sandstone matrix is a narrow but deeply bifid posterior cardinal tooth and a simple but moderately stout anterior tooth.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen Q446a, right valve, length 43 mm.; height 26 mm.

*Locality.*—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. One imperfect right valve.

*Remarks.*—Reminiscent of the Recent Western Atlantic *T. radiata* Linnaeus (1758, Syst. Nat., ed. 10, p. 675, no. 42) but not so narrow as that.

**Tellina (Eurytellina) punicea Born**Pl. 48, figs. 14, 15;  
Pl. 49, figs. 1, 2

- 1780. *Tellina punicea* Born, Testacea Musei Caesarei Vindobonensis, p. 33, pl. 2, fig. 8.
- 1791. *Tellina punicea* Born, Gmelin, Syst. Nat., 13th ed., pt. 6, p. 32339, No. 59.
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- 1818. *Tellina punicea* Born, Lamarck, An. sans Vert., vol. 5, p. 525, No. 21 (part).
- 1846. *Tellina punicea* Born, Sowerby, Thes. Conchyl., p. 239, No. 33, pl. 58, fig. 89; pl. 60, fig. 154.
- 1846. *Tellina punicea* Born, d'Orbigny, Voyage l'Amérique Méridionale, vol. 5, pt. 3, Mollusques, pp. 535-536.
- 1853. *Tellina punicea* Born, d'Orbigny, [In] La Sagra, Hist. phys., polit., et nat. l'Ile de Cuba, vol. 2, pp. 243-244.
- 1864. *Tellina punicea* Born, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, pp. 103-104.
- 1866. *Tellina punicea* Born, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 17, pl. 12, sp. 53.
- 1869. *Tellina (Peronaeoderma) punicea* Born, Tryon, Amer. Jour. Conch., vol. 4, pt. 5, Appendix, No. 15, p. 87.
- 1871. *Tellina punicea* Born, Römer, Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet, vol. 10, pt. 4, pp. 97-99, pl. 25, figs. 1-3.

1873. *Tellina* (*Peronaeoderma*) *punicea* Born, Gabb, Amer. Philos. Soc., Trans., new ser., vol. 15, p. 248 (part).
1878. *Tellina punicea* Born, Bertin, Mus. Hist. Nat., Nouv. Arch., sér. 2, vol. 1, pp. 211, 258.
1878. *Tellina punicea* Born, Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 14.
1878. *Tellina punicea* Born, Arango y Molina, Contribución a la Fauna Malacológica Cubana, p. 244.
1884. *Tellina* (*Peronaeoderma*) *punicea* Born, Tryon, Structural and Systematic Conchology, vol. 3, p. 168, pl. 111, fig. 57.
1887. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Fischer, Manuel de Conchyliologie et de Paléontologie Conchyliologique, p. 1147.
1889. *Tellina punicea* Born, Simpson, Davenport Acad. Nat. Sci., Proc., vol. 5, p. 63.
1900. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1210, pp. 290, 294.
1900. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, pp. 1004, 1013.
1921. *Tellina punicea* Born, Pilsbry, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 424 (part).
1940. *Tellina punicea* Born, Smith, World-wide Sea Shells, p. 115, fig. 1506.
1953. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Olsson and Harbison, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Mon. No. 8, p. 123.
1954. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Abbott, American Seashells, p. 428.
1961. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Olsson, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 428.
1961. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 195, pl. 4g. 40d.

Shell fairly large, rather solid, shiny, elongate-subtrigonal in outline, somewhat compressed, subequilateral, subequivalve, gently tapering behind. Submargins slightly depressed, the anterior submargin narrow and feebly sulcate, the posterior a little wider; posterior submargin of the right valve vaguely bipartite, defined from the disk by a narrow, shallowly incised groove, the posterior submargin of the left valve bounded by a subtle rise or ridge. Anterodorsal margin hardly convex, anterior end well rounded, ventral margin subtruncate at the middle and subangulate at the rear, posterior end rather narrow and obliquely truncate, posterodorsal margin long and nearly straight, sloping at an angle of 27 to 31 degrees from the beak. Escutcheonal area flat and narrow, that of the left valve a trifle the wider; lunular area of the left valve narrow and flattish, that of the right valve linear and inflected. Beak low, pointed, situated a little anterior to the middle. Surface sculptured by flat subregular concentric fillets with faint radial lineations, the fillets of the right valve more persistent than those of the left valve; on the posterior submargin, the fillets become lamellar, and at the edge of the posterodorsal margin they cul-



minate in slightly projecting elevations before thinning out into striae on the escutcheonal area itself. Right valve with two cardinals, the posterior bilobed, the anterior rather strong and rugose but simple, the resilifer deep and narrowly triangular. Immediately in front of the right anterior cardinal there is a short embayment in the hinge plate terminating into a stubby, erect, lateral tooth; the right posterior lateral is far removed from the beak, lying near the superior end of the posterior adductor scar, and is well developed. On the left valve the anterior cardinal is bifid, the posterior one rudimentary and lamellar; in front of the left anterior cardinal the hinge plate is also shortly embayed, but both laterals are obsolete and represented by but a slight thickening. Nymph narrowly elliptical, roughened by vertical rugae, and bounded by a fairly deep groove. Interior glossy. Anterior adductor scar deep and lenticular, margined behind by a stout radial ridge, the scar marked by a line or crease running lengthwise through it and joining the pallial line proper of which it is an extension; posterior adductor scar broadly pyriform. The upper line of the pallial sinus is arcuate, rising from the inner side of the base of the posterior adductor scar, touching the inner edge of the adductor scar at its base, thence turning abruptly to join the pallial line. Pallial line simple, not far removed from the basal margin, terminating well below the posterior adductor scar. A small curved wedge is formed immediately below the base of the anterior adductor scar by the merging of the pallial lines.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen I448a, right valve, height 28 mm. length 44 mm.; thickness 4.6 mm. Specimen T448a, left valve, height 22.5 mm.; length 39 mm.; thickness 3 mm. Specimen T448b, left valve, height 18.8 mm.; length 34 mm.; thickness 3.1 mm. Specimen T448c, right valve, height 18.6 mm.; length 31 mm.; thickness 3 mm. Specimen J448a, young right valve, height 7 mm.; length 11 mm.; thickness 1.1 mm.

*Localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo: Five specimens including three right valves and two left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One adult right valve, one young right valve (J448a), and one young left valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Seven specimens including four left valves

and three right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve.

*Remarks.*—The Cabo Blanco fossil has much the same outline as *T. alternata* Say and *T. angulosa* Gmelin, but in shape as well as in other characters it is identical with, or closely related to *T. punicea* Born. On the Pliocene to Recent *T. alternata* from east America, and on the Recent Western Atlantic *T. angulosa*, the pallial sinus does not touch the anterior muscle scar, whereas on the Recent Western Atlantic *T. punicea* and on the Cabo Blanco fossil the pallial sinus does touch the anterior scar.

Other tellinids which the Cabo Blanco fossil resembles are the following:

*T. georgiana* Dall (1900, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 1210, pp. 310-311, pl. 2, fig. 3). Recent in the Western Atlantic from the Gulf of Mexico and the West Indies. The posterodorsal margin immediately after the beak is somewhat concave whereas on the Cabo Blanco shell that margin is straight. *T. georgiana* is probably the same as *T. nitens* C. B. Adams.

*T. nitens* C. B. Adams (see Clench and Turner, 1950, Occas. Papers on Mollusks, vol. 1, No. 15, p. 317, pl. 44, figs. 3-4). Recent, Jamaica. This is smaller than *T. punicea*, and the posterodorsal margin is concave rather than straight as on *T. punicea*.

*T. mantaensis* Pilsbry and Olsson (1943, Nautilus, vol. 56, No. 3, pl. 8, figs. 1-4). Recent in the Eastern Pacific from Panamá to Ecuador. The pallial sinus does not quite reach the anterior muscle scar, and the outline of *T. mantaensis* is slightly less angular than that of the Cabo Blanco fossil.

*T. cf. punicea* Born, Toulou (1911, K.-K. Geol. Reichs., Jahrb., vol. 61, pl. 31, figs. 6a, 6b). Gatun formation, Panama Canal Zone. The posterior end is subrounded rather than subtruncate obliquely as on the typical *T. punicea*.

*T. roburina* Dall (1900, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, p. 1024, pl. 47, fig. 9). Middle Miocene, Florida. The distal angle of the pallial sinus does not quite touch the anterior muscle scar.

*T. riocanensis* Maury (1917, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, No. 29, pp. 384-385, pl. 38, fig. 3). Middle Miocene, Dominican Republic. On both valves there is a distinct anterior and posterior sulcus.



*T. costaricana* Olsson (1922, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 39, pp. 423-424, pl. 26, figs. 6, 9). Middle Miocene, Costa Rica. The concentric fillets are more uniform than on the Cabo Blanco shell.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *punicea* Born is said to range from Florida to Brazil. This is the first report of its occurrence as a fossil in northern South America, although the species, from near Cumaná, Venezuela, is contained in Collection No. 18408 of the U. S. National Museum. This collection was obtained by P. Henry and J. A. Tong in September 1931 from about 2.5 kilometers east of Cumaná, State of Sucre, Venezuela, at a point N80°E from Cumaná castle and S30°W from the village of Caiguire Abajo, in a yellowish brown sandy marl about 30 feet thick dipping steeply northward. The formation near Cumaná, to judge from the fossils, is equivalent to part of the Mare—Playa Grande sequence in the Cabo Blanco area, and is believed to be Pliocene in age.

***Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *nitens* C. B. Adams**

Pl. 49, figs. 3-10

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- 1869. *Tellina* (*Angulus*) *nitens* C. B. Adams, Tryon, Amer. Jour. Conch., vol. 4, pt. 5, Appendix, No. 15, p. 94.
- 1878. *Tellina nitens* C. B. Adams, Bertin, Mus. Hist. Nat., Nouv. Arch., sér. 2, vol. 1, pp. 211, 297.
- 1889. *Tellina nitida* Lamarck var. *carolinensis* Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 60. Not *T. carolinensis* Conrad, 1875.
- 1900. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina* ?) *georgiana* Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Proc., vol. 23, No. 210, pp. 294, 310, pl. 2, fig. 3.
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- 1920. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *georgiana* Dall, Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 8, No. 34, p. 113.
- 1934. *Tellina* (*Eurytellina*) *georgiana* Dall, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 51.
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1961. *Tellina (Eurytellina) georgiana* Dall, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 195, pl. 40a.

The Cabo Blanco fossil is of medium size, thin, chalky white within, a little inflated, elongate-suboval, inequilateral, subequivalve, with a moderately pronounced posterior rostration. Anterodorsal margin long and nearly straight, anterior end produced and well rounded, ventral margin straightish to shallowly rounded, posterior end obliquely subtruncate, posterodorsal margin concave. Beak small, pointed, situated behind the middle. Surface shiny when fresh, sculptured by low subregular concentric fillets separated by fine incisions, the fillets or bands more distinct near the base and sides of the valve; on the posterior rostration, and especially on the right valve, the fillets develop into slightly raised coarse lamellae with fine concentric striae between them. Faintly decussating the concentric bands are microscopic radial lineations which are vertically disposed on the disk, curve outward on the anterior end, are obsolete on the rostration of the right valve and are oblique on the rostration of the left valve. The hinge is fine, and the components sharply defined. On the right valve, the posterior cardinal tooth is bilobed, the anterior tooth single and relatively strong, the resilifer deep and triangular; in front of the anterior cardinal tooth the hinge plate is embayed into a hamate arc, with an erect lateral tooth at the distal end of the arc; the right posterior lateral is farther from the beak than the anterior, and is a pointed lamina with a narrow elliptical socket behind it. On the left valve the anterior cardinal tooth is narrowly cuneate and bifid, the posterior tooth laminar and curved a little distally, the resilifer somewhat shallower than on the opposite valve; the lateral teeth of the left valve are obsolete and are represented by a slight thickening. Anterior adductor scar lenticular, marked by a thin line running through it and joining the pallial line, bordered behind by a low radial ridge broadening upward, the posterior adductor scar broadly pyriform. Upper line of pallial sinus arcuate, rising from the inner side and base of the posterior adductor scar, descending toward and not touching the anterior adductor scar on the left valve, but touching the scar on the right valve, and then curving sharply to join the pallial line with which it is confluent thereafter. The pallial line is simple, ter-



minating below the posterior adductor scar. In the interior of the left valve there is a fairly pronounced sulcus running through the posterior adductor scar and terminating at the posterior corner of the valve. Most specimens are minutely denticulate at the ventral and lateral margins within, but a few are smooth.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen G448a, right valve, height 12 mm.; length 21.8 mm.; thickness 2.2 mm. Specimen G448b, immature right valve, broken at posterior end, height 4.8 mm.; length 8.1 mm.; thickness 0.9 mm. Specimen G448c, left valve, height 16 mm.; length 29 mm.; thickness 2.3 mm. Specimen G448d, immature left valve, height 5.6 mm.; length 10.2 mm.; thickness about 1 mm.

*Localities.*—Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twenty-four specimens including thirteen left valves and eleven right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One small right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member), in Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One small left valve.

*Remarks.*—The Cabo Blanco fossils are a trifle more elongated than the Recent *T. nitens* from Jamaica but are otherwise identical. I have compared the types of *T. nitens* C. B. Adams and *T. georgiana* Dall, and they too are identical. According to Dall, the pallial sinus of *T. georgiana* is "similar in both valves, touching the anterior adductor scar, wholly confluent below," but in my examination of the types of *T. georgiana* (No. 93777, U. S. National Museum) I found that the pallial sinus touches the anterior scar on the right valve but does not reach the anterior scar on the left valve. The same delineation occurs on the type of *T. nitens* C. B. Adams, and as the two are alike in all other characters, the name *T. nitens* has priority. *T. nitens* C. B. Adams and *T. georgiana* Dall are much like *T. punicea* Born except that the posterodorsal margin is more concave than on *T. punicea*, and the concentric markings are not so pronounced as on *T. punicea*.

*Range and distribution.*—*T. nitens* C. B. Adams ranges from the southern and southeastern U. S. A. to the Caribbean. It has not hitherto been recorded as a fossil.

**Tellina (Eurytellina) alternata ? Say**

Pl. 49, figs. 11, 12

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- 1857. *Tellina alternata* Say, Toumey and Holmes, Pleiocene Fossils of South Carolina, p. 89, pl. 22, fig. 4.
- 1860. *Tellina alternata* Say, Holmes, Post-Pleiocene Fossils of South Carolina, p. 45, pl. 8, fig. 1.
- 1866. *Tellina alternata* Say, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 17, pl. 12, sp. 52.
- 1869. *Tellina (Peronaeoderma) alternata* Say, Tryon, Amer. Jour. Conch., vol. 4, pt. 5, Appendix, No. 15, p. 86.
- 1871. *Tellina alternata* Say, Römer, Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet, vol. 10, pt. 4, pp. 102-103, pl. 25, figs. 10-12.
- 1871. *Tellina alternata* Say, Coues, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 23, p. 138.
- 1878. *Tellina alternata* Say, Bertin, Mus. Hist. Nat., Nouv. Arch. sér. 2, vol. 1, pp. 211, 260.
- 1881. *Tellina (Peronaeoderma) alternata* Say, Gabb, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 8, p. 371.
- 1889. *Tellina alternata* Say, Dall, U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull. 37, p. 60.
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- 1921. *Tellina alternata* Say, Pilsbry, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 424.
- 1925. *Tellina alternata* Say, Clench, Nautilus, vol. 38, No. 3, p. 94.
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- 1932. *Tellina (Eurytellina) alternata* Say, Mansfield, Florida State Geol. Sur., Bull. No. 8, p. 136, pl. 30, fig. 1.
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- 1934. *Tellina (Eurytellina) alternata* Say, Johnson, Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Proc., vol. 40, No. 1, p. 51.
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1944. *Tellina alternata* Say, Hackney, Nautilus, vol. 58, No. 2, p. 59.
1949. *Eurytellina alternata* (Say), Lange de Morretes, Arq. Mus. Paranaense, vol. 7, art. 1, p. 45.
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1954. *Tellina (Eurytellina) alternata* Say, Abbott, American Seashells, pp. 427-428, pl. 40n.
1955. *Tellina (Arcopagia) alternata* Say, Perry and Schwengel, Marine Shells of the Western Coast of Florida, pp. 77-78, pl. 15, fig. 99.
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1959. *Tellina alternata* Say, Parker, Amer. Assoc. Petrol. Geol., Bull., vol. 43, No. 9, pp. 2132, 2162, pl. 4, VIII, figs. 16a, 16b.
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1961. *Tellina (Eurytellina) alternata* Say, Warmke and Abbott, Caribbean Seashells, p. 195, pl. 40h.

The fragment illustrated is of a thin fossil shell that compares closely with Recent specimens of *T. alternata* Say from Florida.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen R447a, left valve, length of fragment 34 mm.; height 21 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member), in Quebrada Las Bruscas about 125 meters upstream from junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. A single left valve, broken.

*Range and distribution*.—Upper Miocene to Recent. The living shell ranges from North Carolina and the Gulf of Mexico to Brazil. In the Pleistocene, it is reported from South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana (in wells), Cuba, and the Isthmus of Panamá. In the Pliocene it is recorded from South Carolina, Florida, and Costa Rica. And, in the upper Miocene, *T. alternata* was identified in Washington and Leon Counties, Florida, by Mansfield.

***Tellina (Merisca) cristallina* Spengler**

Pl. 49, figs. 13, 14;  
Pl. 50, figs. 1, 2

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The Cabo Blanco shell is rounded-subtrigonal, inequilateral, thin, compressed, the right valve a little more flattened than the left, somewhat attenuated behind, narrowly rostrated along the posterodorsal margin, and with a shallow radial sulcus before the rostration. Anterodorsal margin hardly convex, anterior end and ventral margin rounded, the posterior end narrow and obliquely truncate, the posterodorsal margin hardly concave. Beak subcentral, erect, pointed. Prodissoconch sculptured by fine, evenly and closely spaced concentric laminae, the disk sculptured by sharp, rather distant concentric lamellae which, on the radial sulcus in front of the posterior rostration are slightly convex upward, and on the rostration itself are V-shaped. At the posterodorsal margin of the single, well-preserved right valve, the termini project slightly as in *Tellidora*. In the broad flat interspaces there are faint concentric striae and numerous scarcely visible radial lineations. The right posterior cardinal tooth is strong, cuneate, and asymmetrically bifid, the right anterior cardinal lamellar, the socket between them deep and narrowly triangular; the cardinals of the left valve are subequal, the anterior one a little the larger, both of them rendered bifid by a narrow groove, the socket between the left cardinals deep and somewhat more widely triangular than on the right valve. There are two grooved laterals on the right valve, the posterior lateral larger and somewhat farther removed from the center of the hinge than the anterior; on the single left valve the laterals are simple and obsolete. The anterior adductor scar is long and lenticular, narrowing upward, the posterior scar smaller and rounded-subquadrate. The upper line of the pallial sinus is discrepant on the valves: on the right valve it rises from the inner margin of the posterior scar as a high inverted "U," and then descends rather regularly to the lower line of the sinus without touching the base of the anterior adductor scar; on the left valve, the upper line of the pallial sinus is more irregular. Starting at the inner margin of the right posterior adductor scar there is a narrow ridgelet extending upward with some diminution in strength to the hinge plate a short distance behind the right posterior cardinal; on the left valve this ridgelet is obsolete.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen T454a, right valve, height 20.3 mm.; width 27 mm.; thickness 2.4 mm. Specimen J455a, upper half of a

left valve, height of fragment 13.1 mm.; width 17.4 mm.; thickness 3.2 mm.

*Localities.*—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. One right valve entire. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One broken left valve.

*Remarks.*—The Cabo Blanco fossil agrees so well with Dall's figure of the Recent *T. crystallina* from South Carolina and with Smith's figure of the Recent *T. crystallina* from Barcelona, Venezuela, that it must be considered the same species. A number of authors also agree with Dall (1900, p. 302) that the Recent Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific forms referred to this species are likewise identical. Gabb and Maury reported *T. crystallina* from the lower-middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic, and Olsson described it from the middle Miocene of Costa Rica. It should be pointed out that the anterodorsal margin of the Dominican fossil is truncate to slightly concave, whereas on the Recent Western Atlantic shell the anterodorsal margin is slightly convex, and it may have been for this slight difference in outline that Pilsbry and Johnson gave the Dominican fossil the name of *T. errati*. The Costa Rican fossil, on the other hand, does have a slightly convex anterodorsal margin but a rather strongly concave posterodorsal margin and a prominent embayment of the ventral margin at the posterior sulcus. Whether the small differences between the fossil and living forms referred to *T. cristallina* Spengler are due to individual variation rather than to specific differentiation is difficult to assess because of the scarcity of specimens, though there is no doubt, as pointed out by Hertlein and Strong (1949) in their excellent discussion, that they are indeed all similar.

*Range and distribution.*—Living in the Western Atlantic from South Carolina to northern South America, and in the Eastern Pacific from Baja California, Mexico, to Ecuador where it occurs in the intertidal zone to depths of 13 fathoms. Pleistocene at Magdalena Bay, Baja California. Pliocene in Ecuador, and near Cumaná, Venezuela (Collection No. 18408, U. S. National Museum). Middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic ? and Costa Rica ?



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The Recent Higuerote shells referred to this species are small, rather solid, inflated, inequilateral, subtrigonal-ovate, with a low rounded radial ridge on the posterior, and a slightly undulatory submargin on the anterior. The umbo is full, the beak appressed, situated a little anterior to the middle. Lunule small, impressed, sub-lanceolate. The surface of the disk is finely engraved by regular, oblique, gently curved grooves extending from the umbo to the base, meeting the ventral margin at an angle of about 45 degrees, and terminating on the posterior ridge; on that part of the posterior submargin immediately behind the posterior ridge there is another set of closely spaced grooves divaricating sharply upward in chevron-like fashion from the termini of the disk grooves, the closely spaced grooves terminating midway between the radial ridge and posterior margin; on the hindmost area adjacent to the margin there is yet another series of markings, these in the form of slightly arcuate lirae, the lirae farther apart than, and divaricating from the terminae of the closely spaced grooves. On the anterior submargin, the grooves from the disk are bent a little downward and then continue flexuously to the anterior margin. Crossing the valve are numerous microscopic concentric striae. In well-preserved specimens the interior is shiny. The right posterior cardinal tooth is sharply bifid and caret-like, the anterior cardinal platy, the cardinal socket deep and triangular. The lateral teeth are well developed, the anterior closer to the cardinal process than the posterior. The anterior adductor scar is relatively long and rudely lenticular with a ragged or unevenly scalloped inner margin, whereas the posterior scar is more or less subquadrate. The upper line of the pallial sinus is asymmetrically and subangularly curved, joining the posterior adductor scar at the middle, but running below the base of the anterior adductor scar. The shell is whitish within and without, but there is a fairly large area of pink in the umbonal cavity.

*Dimensions*.—Recent specimen (B466a) from Higuerote, right valve, height 7.5 mm.; width 7.8 mm.; thickness 2.6 mm. Recent



specimen (B468a), left valve, height 8 mm.; width 7.9 mm.; thickness 2.3 mm. Fossil specimen (D467a) from the Abisinia formation, right valve, height 4.6 mm.; width 5.1 mm., approx. thickness 1.2 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Four right valves, one left valve. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One right valve, weathered.

*Range and distribution.*—*S. pisiformis* (Linnaeus) has been reported from the Cercado formation (lower-middle Miocene) of the Dominican Republic; from the middle Miocene of Jamaica and Costa Rica; from the Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad; from "the Pleistocene of the Antillean region generally" (Dall, 1900, p. 1039); and living from the Florida Keys to Brazil.

***Strigilla carnaria* (Linnaeus)**

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The Recent shells from Venezuela are subtrigonally oval, moderately compressed in the adult, thin but strong, with a fairly long truncated posterodorsal margin sloping at an angle of about 36 degrees from the horizontal. The ventral margin is rounded, the anterior end subtruncate, anterodorsal margin hardly concave, and, in front of the posterior submargin, there is a faint radial sulcus. The umbo is triangular in outline on mature specimens but fuller and more rounded on juveniles, the beak low and situated anterior to the middle. The posterior submargin is narrow and compressed, the anterior submargin broader, and gently undulatory. Outer surface of disk finely engraved by regular, slightly oblique grooves; on the posterior sulcus the grooves diverge abruptly upward in a narrow chevron-like pattern, and then curve gently to the posterior margin; on the anterior submargin the radial grooves from the disk become flexuous and continue thus to the anterior margin. The



interior of the shell is glossy, and generally there are two or three low narrow radial ridges near the rear, the ridges coinciding with the external radial sulcus, and usually more evident in the right valve than in the left. The anterior muscle scar is relatively long and lenticular, with a ragged inner margin and smooth outer margin; the posterior scar is broadly funnel-shaped with a short irregular spout at the base. The upper line of the pallial sinus is discrepant in the two valves but on both of them it rises from the inner side of the posterior scar and dips to join the base of the anterior scar at the inner margin. The lower border of the pallial sinus emerges from the base of the anterior adductor scar and continues regularly to its termination short of the posterior scar. There are two lateral teeth in each valve, the anterior one closer to the cardinal process than the posterior. The right posterior cardinal tooth is bifid and caret-shaped, the right anterior cardinal platy; on the left valve, the anterior cardinal is narrowly and shallowly bifid, the posterior one long and laminar; the socket between the cardinals is deep and triangular. The surface is colored in concentric bands of light purplish pink and pinkish white, the beaks a deep rose; the interior is a bright watermelon red with whitish margins.

The fossil specimens herein referred to *S. carnaria* are all young, small, and somewhat variable in shape and plumpness, but except for size they seem to be identical with the Recent shell.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen A464a1-2, a doublet, height 14.7 mm.; width 15.8 mm.; thickness of pair 7 mm. Specimen D464a, right valve, height 6 mm.; width 6.8 mm.; thickness 1.2 mm. Specimen I465a, right valve, height 4.2 mm.; width 4.8 mm.; thickness 1.4 mm. Specimen I465b, left valve, height 4.05 mm.; width 4.9 mm.; thickness 1.2 mm.

*Localities.*—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Fourteen specimens including five right valves, four left valves, and four doublets. Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Nine specimens including five left valves and four right valves. Abisinia formation at W-30, eastern edge of Playa Grande village. One right valve and one juvenile left valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Three immature specimens including two left valves and one right valve. Lower Mare formation,

in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One small left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Eight specimens including five right valves and three left valves, all of them small.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *S. carnaria* ranges from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. As a fossil, the species has been recorded in the Pleistocene by Maury from a well at Ft. Morgan, Alabama, at depths of 100-112 feet and 169-175 feet.

Although its occurrence in the Eastern Pacific has been generally denied, Olsson (1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, pp. 387-388, pl. 73, figs. 4, 4a) recorded *S. carnaria* from Panamá to northern Peru and stated that numerous specimens of a *Strigilla* from the coasts of northern Peru and Ecuador appear identical with typical Caribbean examples of *S. carnaria* or differ merely in size and minor details of sculpture.

**Macoma (Psammacoma) hybrida, new species**

Pl. 46, figs. 3, 4

This species is described from a single right valve.

Shell of medium size, thin, a little inflated, elongate-oval, inequilateral, tapering slightly toward the rear, rostrate behind, the rostration gently concave and bordered by a low umbonal ridge widening progressively to the basal margin; in front of the umbonal ridge is a slightly depressed radial platform, and on the forward side of that there is a fairly broad, very gentle sulcus. Anterodorsal margin long, hardly convex, and slightly inclined from the horizontal, the anterior end of the valve rather acutely rounded, the ventral margin nearly straight; at the base of the umbonal ridge the margin is shallowly embayed, and the posterior end above it subtruncate; the posterodorsal margin is straight except where it curves upward to the beak. Beak low, situated well behind the middle. Surface marked by delicate concentric bands which, on the posterior rostration, are slightly raised and sublamellar, and which, on the disk, are traversed by numerous radial lineations visible through a lens. Interior marked by numerous fine radial corrugations visible in certain light without the aid of a lens. Lateral teeth absent. Right posterior cardinal tooth strong and linearly bilobed, the anterior tooth strong, simple and somewhat arcuate, the teeth not joined at the apex, the resilifer between them deep. In front of the right



anterior cardinal there is a shallow wedge-shaped depression. The nymph behind the posterior tooth is comma-shaped, depressed, the tail attenuated posteriorly and bordered on the inner side by the slightly raised liplike edge of the hinge plate; the ligamental groove bounding the back of the nymph is fairly wide, straight, and shallow. Right anterior adductor scar long, compound-lenticular, the posterior scar broad and semicylindrical, bordered along the inner edge by a feeble radial ridge. Pallial sinus asymmetrically arcuate as it rises from the inner and upper side of the posterior adductor scar, obtusely subangular at the forward end, joining the faint pallial line about half way between the extremities of the valve. Running through the arc of the pallial sinus and extending to the ventral margin there is a narrow gentle upward crease in the interior, the crease reflecting the boundary line between the platform and sulcus on the outer surface of the valve.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (I665a), right valve, height 21 mm.; length 36.2 mm.; thickness 4.1 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—*Macoma hybrida*, n. sp. is similar to *M. tageliformis* Dall (1900, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, p. 1055; 1901, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, p. 482, pl. 55, figs. 10, 11, 15), but the Pleistocene to Recent *M. tageliformis* lacks the inner rib bordering the edge of the posterior adductor scar. Also, the pallial sinus of *M. tageliformis* is higher and slightly shorter. Another allied species is the east American, Pliocene to Recent *M. brevifrons* Say (see Dall and Simpson, 1901, U. S. Fish Com., Bull., vol. 20 for 1900, pt. 1, pp. 481-482, pl. 55, figs. 3, 12, 13), that, however, differing from *M. hybrida* in lacking the flattened area in front of the umbonal ridge. *M. elytrum* Keen (1958, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 38, No. 172, p. 244, pl. 30, fig. 14), an Eastern Pacific form ranging from Baja California to Ecuador, is more prominently sulcate behind the middle, and is also wanting in the platform between the sulcus and the umbonal ridge.

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The Recent Venezuelan shell is thin and obliquely oval, with a produced and rounded anterior end. The surface is marked by delicate concentric lineations and numerous microscopic radii, crossed, on the anterior two-thirds of the valve, by fine, slightly raised, straightish threads running obliquely across the concentric markings. The pallial sinus is broadly semi-oval, extending forward about seven-tenths the length of the shell. Externally, the upper half of the valve is suffused a pale lavender; the lower half is cream-colored with purplish brown linear mottlings. The interior is glossy and whitish, with two large blotches of chocolate, one dark, the other light, and numerous purplish brown mottlings on the sides and base.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A456a, left valve, height 13 mm.; length 16.7 mm., thickness 3 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. One left valve.

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*Range and distribution.*—*Semele purpurascens* (Gmelin) ranges from late Miocene to Recent. The Recent form extends from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. In the Pliocene, *S. purpurascens* has been recorded from Florida, Costa Rica, and Trinidad, and in the upper Miocene it was reported from the Choctawhatchee formation of Florida by Mansfield.

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*Dimensions*.—Specimen A424a, right valve, height 21.6 mm.; length 23.1 mm.; thickness 4.2 mm. Specimen A 424b, left valve, height 14 mm.; length 16 mm.; thickness 2.2 mm. Specimen J425a, height 17.3 mm.; length 19.7 mm.; thickness 3.5 mm. (left valve).

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach of Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Five specimens including three right valves and two left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve, weathered. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve.

*Range and distribution*.—Pliocene to Recent. Living in shallow water from North Carolina to Brazil; Pleistocene in South Caroli-



na, Florida, St. Kitts?, Cuba, and Venezuela. Pliocene in South Carolina and Florida.

*Remarks.*—Olsson (1961) observed that the type of *S. mediamericana* Pilsbry and Lowe (1932, p. 92, pl. 12, figs. 1a, 1b, 2), purportedly from the Pacific coast of Nicaragua, evidently was collected from the Caribbean coast of that country and is the same as *S. proficua* (Pulteney).

***Semelina nukuloides* (Conrad)**

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Shell small, moderately inflated, elongate-nuculoid in outline, longest and a little oblique anteriorly. Beak low, near the posterior end. Surface sculptured by closely spaced subregular concentric lirae (some of them not reaching the margins), separated by interspaces which are a little wider than the lirae at the umbo but narrower than the lirae below; in the interspaces on the lower half of the anterior end, as well as elsewhere, there are obsolescent microscopic radial striae. Hinge of left valve with a sharp, elevated, cuneate and bifid anterior cardinal tooth; behind that there is a deep triangular socket, and after the socket a shallower subrhomboidal chondrophore, the chondrophore bordered by the posterior cardinal. The left posterior cardinal tooth is a thickened lamina situated above the posterior adductor scar; the left lateral tooth is represented by a slight thickening far down the anterodorsal edge above the anterior adductor scar. Anterior adductor scar moderately elongate and more or less elliptical, the posterior scar impressed and subquadrate. The pallial sinus is large, arising at the inner margin of the posterior adductor scar, embayed to about 0.3 mm. from the anterior adductor scar, the lower limb of the sinus a narrowish finger-like projection extending toward the rear about two-thirds the length of the valve, the posterior end of the limb bluntly rounded; the lower line of the limb parallels the ventral margin of the valve and continues to join the lower end of the anterior adductor scar. Inner margin smooth. Lunular area narrow, elongate, elliptical, sunken slightly below the border of the disk. Escutcheonal area relatively short, sublinear, slightly depressed.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen S458a, height 2.9 mm.; length 4.3 mm.; approx. thickness 1.1 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve.

*Remarks*.—According to Dall (1900, p. 994), certain variants of *S. nukuloides*, chiefly among Recent specimens, are marked by faint radial striations, and such occur on the Venezuelan fossil.

*Range and distribution*.—*Semelina nukuloides* (Conrad) ranges



from upper Miocene to Recent. The living form is found from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Brazil, occurring off the west coast of Florida in six to seven fathoms. In the Pleistocene, Maury reported it from New Orleans, Louisiana, in the Gymnasium Club well at 1200 feet. In the Pliocene, *S. nukuloides* occurs in North Carolina, and Florida, and in the upper Miocene, in Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida.

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The Recent shell from Higuerote occurs in two forms, one with a relatively high trigonal outline, the other narrower and more elongated. On the former, the embayment of the ventral margin is short and slight, and sometimes not present; on the latter it is longer and generally somewhat more pronounced. Except for the average smaller size of the elongated variant, the two forms are otherwise identical, and there seems no doubt that they are conspecific. The species is characterized by a low narrow arcuate angulation on the posterior truncation, the angulation dividing the truncation into two unequal and sharply defined areas. The area adjacent to the posterior ridge is sculptured by five to seven neat radial riblets with numerous regularly spaced threads in the interspaces; the marginal area is somewhat wider and is sculptured by rather strong vermicular concentric cords between which are narrower subregular radial lirae. Both valves are marked by a faint radial depression in front of the posterior ridge, the depression broader and gentler on the elongated form. Inner margins crenulated, the denticles extending from near the posterior lateral tooth around the base to the anterior end where they become obsolescent and cease at the curve of the anterior end and the anterodorsal margin



which is smooth. The base is finely serrated, the pallial sinus large and subangulately rounded. The anterior lateral of the hinge is longer than the posterior. The coloration is highly variable. Some specimens are a plain white, straw, salmon, or flesh on the surface, others are broadly or narrowly rayed in brown, gray, lavender or purple. The shiny interior is usually suffused wholly or in part with deep purple, and there is an occasional specimen with bright orange in the body cavity.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen B469a, left valve, length 29.3 mm.; height 20.5 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 6.9 mm. Specimen B469b, right valve, length 20.8 mm.; height 15 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 5 mm. Specimen B469c, left valve, length 25.4 mm.; height 18.7 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 6 mm. Specimen B469d, right valve, length 27.3 mm.; height 20.3 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 6.8 mm. Average elongated form, length 22 mm.; height 13 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 5 mm.

*Locality.*—On beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One hundred fifty specimens including ninety-seven left valves and fifty-three right valves.

*Range and distribution.*—The living *Donax denticulatus* Linnaeus is a near-shore species ranging from Brazil through the West Indies to perhaps as far north as the Florida Keys. As a fossil it has been found in the Pleistocene of Colombia and Venezuela.

### **Donax striatus** Linnaeus

Pl. 52, figs. 9-17

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- 1952. *Donax striatus* Linnaeus, Dodge, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., Bull., vol. 100, pt. 1, pp. 81-82.
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The Recent Higuerote shell referred to this species is wedge-shaped, moderately solid, trigonal in outline, produced anteriorly, characterized by a sharply carinated posterior ridge and a flat to slightly concave posterior truncation with a nearly vertical slope. The posterodorsal margin descends more steeply than the anterodorsal margin. Anterior end narrowed and well rounded, ventral margin subangularly arcuate with a downsag near the middle, the margin behind the sag truncate to hardly embayed. The corner at the ventral and posterodorsal margins is acute, and the posterior end is short and truncated. In front of the posterior ridge there is a slight radial depression, and often another barely discernible one before the anterior end. Beak sharp, fairly high, flattened on top, opisthogyrate, situated at the posterior third. On the hinge there is an oval ligamental fosset immediately under the beak, the hinge plate turned up at the distal end of it. The laterals are prominent,



the groove between them on the right valve deeper on the posterior set than on the anterior. Cardinals of left valve subequal, divergent, united above, the socket separating them triangular; on the right valve the central cardinal is stout, the anterior one minor. Inner margins regularly crenulated, the denticles extending around the edge from the posterior lateral to where the anterior end merges with the anterodorsal margin, which itself is smooth. Rim of basal margin serrated by the termini of the external ribs. Adductor impressions distinct, the anterior one narrowly pyriform, the posterior transversely oval. Pallial sinus U-shaped, projected horizontally to near the middle line of the interior, the apex rounded. Pallial line fairly close to the margin posteriorly, more remote anteriorly, the line bowed up where it meets the end of the sinus, the upper line of the sinus and hinder end of the pallial line subparallel. Exterior of disk sculptured by low flat narrow radial riblets which are more distinct in front of the posterior ridge than they are anteriorly. The posterior truncation is sculptured by 19 to 23 equal to subequal neat radial cords which are sometimes faintly crenate, the interspaces crowded with microscopic concentric striae. The rib forming the carina of the posterior ridge is strong and usually doubled toward the base. The color is plain white, gray, light yellow, salmon or pale lavender on the surface, and usually deep purple and white in the interior, although occasional specimens are pinkish or ashy within.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen B470a, valves attached, length 26.3 mm.; height 16.4 mm., max. thickness of pair 11.5 mm. Specimen B470b, a young doublet, length 12.3 mm.; height 7.9 mm.; max. thickness of pair 5.2 mm. Specimen B470c, left valve, length 25.9 mm.; height 17 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 5 mm. Specimen B470d, right valve, length 23.3 mm.; height 14.1 mm., thickness at posterior ridge 4.6 mm. Specimen B470el-2, paired valves, length 28.1 mm.; height 18.2 mm.; max. thickness of pair 12.2 mm.

*Locality.*—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Twenty-seven specimens including thirteen left valves, ten right valves, and four doublets.

*Remarks.*—*D. striatus* is at once differentiated from *D. denticulatus* by its flat, rather than angulated posterior slope, and the slope is uniformly sculptured longitudinally.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *D. striatus* ranges from Brazil to the southern Caribbean. As a fossil it has been reported from the Pleistocene in Colombia and on the coast of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil, and by Guppy from the Pliocene at Matura, Trinidad. As pointed out by Hanley, the figure of *D. caianensis* Lamarck portrayed by Delessert and based on the original Lamarckian specimens, agrees so well with *D. striatus* Linnaeus, that they may be the same.

***Donax higuerotensis*, new species**

Pl. 53, figs. 1-9

Shell relatively narrow, inequilateral, oblong subtrigonal in outline, about twice as long as high, produced anteriorly. Anterodorsal margin gently sloping, nearly parallel with the anterior half of the ventral margin; posterodorsal margin moderately steep, slightly humped above the posterior lateral tooth, hardly concave distally; corner of posterodorsal and ventral margins rounded to subtruncate; posterior half of ventral margin shallowly embayed, the anterior half gently arcuate; anterior end a little narrowed and well rounded. Posterior ridge subrounded to subangulate, the posterior slope slightly convex adjacent to the ridge, flattened to hardly concave toward the margin. Between the posterior ridge and middle of the disk there is a broad shallow radial depression. Beak low, appressed on top, situated aft of the middle. Laterals of left valve prominent, the anterior lateral tooth longer than the posterior. Between the beak and the posterior lateral the hinge plate is upswept on both valves. Central cardinal of right valve stout, joined above to the smaller anterior cardinal which diverges nearly horizontally. Cardinals of left valve subequal, joined above, diverging equally from the apex. Interior shiny. Inner margins crenulated, the denticles extending around the edge from the posterior lateral to where the anterior end and anterodorsal margin meet, the anterodorsal margin itself smooth. Anterior adductor scar pyriform, the posterior transversely suboval, lying athwart the posterior angle. Pallial sinus U-shaped, extending forward horizontally to a little before the mid-line of the valve, the apex broadly rounded. Pallial line fairly close to the margin near the posterior corner, becoming more remote from the margin on its course to the base of the anterior adductor scar, the line bowed up where it meets the pallial sinus, the after end of the



pallial line nearly parallel with the upper line of the sinus. Entire surface sculptured by radial riblets, those on the disk faint, flat, and narrow, the ones (22 to 24) on the posterior truncation thinner and much more distinct. On the left valve the radial riblets on the truncation are more or less equal, but on the right valve there are five or six adjacent to the posterior ridge that are slightly broader than the others. Crowded microscopic concentric striae traverse the surface, the striae much more distinct in the intercostal spaces of the posterior slope than elsewhere. The basal rim of the valves is finely serrated by the projecting termini of the external riblets. On the exterior the ground color is generally dull white but sometimes buff, with concentric bands and stripes of gray, or lavender, or pale purple, or rarely, light yellow. Excepting those which are monotone in color, all specimens exhibit a broad, usually single but occasionally double ray of ground color diverging sharply from the beak, the ray confined to the radial depression of the valve and broadening to the base. In the interior of the valve this ray shows up in white, generally with purple on either side.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (B471a), paired valves, length 25 mm.; height 12.2 mm.; max. thickness of pair 7.5 mm. Paratype (B471b), left valve, length 23 mm.; height 10.7 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 4 mm. Paratype (B471c), right valve, length 22 mm.; height 10.9 mm.; thickness at posterior ridge 4 mm.

*Type locality*.—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Fifty-four specimens including thirty right valves, twenty-three left valves, and one doublet.

*Other localities*.—Unnamed (as of November 1961) Recent specimens of this species are contained in the collections of the U. S. National Museum from Cienaga, near Santa Marta, Colombia (U. S. N. M. No. 444095), and from Chaguaramas Bay, Trinidad (U. S. N. M. No. 518549). Higuerote, in Venezuela, lies on the coast between those localities but nearer Trinidad.

*Comparisons*.—*Donax higuerotensis*, n. sp. is found on the beach at Higuerote together with *D. striatus* Linnaeus, but is differentiated from *D. striatus* by its consistently more elongated outline, by its longer and more prominent embayment of the ventral margin behind the middle, and by its more pronounced radial depression of the disk above the embayed margin. The type (No. 51589, Academy of

Natural Sciences of Philadelphia) of *D. protractus* Conrad (1849, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 2, vol. 1, p. 208) from Florida is smaller, thinner, and not as definitely rayed from umbo to base as is *D. higuerotensis*. *D. mediamericana* Pilsbry (1919, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 71, pp. 222-223, pl. 11, fig. 10) from Livingston, Guatemala, is, as later acknowledged by Pilsbry (1920, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 72, p. 195), a variant of *D. striatus* Linnaeus, with the altitude three-fifths of the length compared to an altitude of slightly less than half the length on *D. higuerotensis*. The nearest Eastern Pacific analogue is *D. culter* Hanley (see Keen, 1958, Sea Shells of Tropical West America, p. 185, fig. 448), but that is less robust and more flexuous than *D. higuerotensis*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Donax higuerotensis*, n. sp., is presently known from northern South America.

***Donax vagus*, new species**

Pl. 53, figs. 10, 11

Shell small, fairly solid, moderately inflated, obtusely trigonal in outline, inequilateral, somewhat produced and attenuated anteriorly. Anterodorsal margin long and straight, with a slope of about 35 degrees from the horizontal, the anterior end well rounded, the ventral margin shallowly arcuate but with a slight downsag near the middle, the posterodorsal margin slightly convex. Posterior ridge low and rounded, merging evenly with the relatively narrow posterior area which itself is a little convex basally but with a nearly vertical slope above. Beak low and appressed, situated about two-fifths of the length of the shell from the posterior end. Although the surface sculpture is nearly obliterated it is seen to consist, on the disk, of low faint narrow radial riblets typical of the genus, with vestiges of riblets also appearing on the posterior slope. Hinge of left valve consisting of a short elevated posterior lateral tooth close to the beak and a long slender anterior lateral more distant from the beak. The central cardinals of the left valve are subequal, united above, diverging equally from the apex, the subumbonal socket between them triangular. Anterior adductor scar gently impressed, fairly low, narrowly subpyriform, rather sharply attenuated above, the posterior scar scarcely visible, oval, also fairly low, lying astride the posterior angle of the interior. Pallial sinus not visible.



Inner margins denticulate, the crenulations extending from near the posterior lateral around the rim of the valve to where the anterior end meets the anterodorsal margin.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (I542a), left valve, length 5.1 mm.; height 3.6 mm.; max. thickness 1.4 mm.

*Type Locality*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—The want of a sharply carinated posterior ridge immediately distinguishes the new species from *D. denticulatus* Linnaeus and *D. striatus* Linnaeus. Among other Recent species, *D. vagus*, n. sp. is reminiscent of *D. texasianus* Philippi (1847, Zeitschr. f. Malakozool., yr. 4, p. 77) and *D. roemeri* Philippi (1848, Zeitschr. f. Malakozool., yr. 5, p. 147), but those are slightly narrower forms with a subangular rather than rounded posterior ridge. Among fossil species, *D. vagus* resembles *D. chuckatuckensis* Gardner (1943, U.S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 199-A, p. 106, pl. 23, figs. 6-7) from the upper Miocene Yorktown formation of Virginia. *D. chuckatuckensis*, however, has a somewhat more posterior beak than *D. vagus* and is a slightly narrower and flatter shell. The Pliocene *D. moenensis* Gabb (1881, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 1, vol. 8, pp. 371-372, pl. 47, fig. 72) from Costa Rica is also similar, but *D. moenensis* is a more delicate shell, has a slightly concave anterodorsal margin whereas that of *D. vagus* is straight, and the anterior end of the Costa Rican species is more attenuated than on the Venezuelan shell.

***Donax marensis*, new species**

Pl. 53, figs. 12, 13

Shell small, thin, slightly inflated, inequilateral, somewhat produced and moderately attenuated anteriorly. Anterodorsal margin long and straight, with a slope of near 30 degrees from the horizontal; anterior end bluntly rounded, ventral margin feebly arcuate; posterior end subtruncate, posterodorsal margin hardly convex. Prodissoconch subtranslucent. Beak low, opisthogyrate, situated a little posterior to the mid-line of the valve. Posterior ridge low and obtuse, the posterior slope not compressed. Exterior polished, sculptured by narrow, regular, microscopic, subsurficial radial riblets, the riblets on the posterior slope finer than those on the disk. Lateral teeth of right valve well developed, the posterior set shorter and nearer the

beak than the anterior set. Central cardinal tooth small, stout, and subcuneate, the higher anterior cardinal much thinner and with a slope subparallel with the margin; behind the central cardinal is a sublinear socket against which the hinge plate is upturned in the manner characteristic of the genus. Base of hinge plate between the laterals nearly horizontal. Adductor scars indistinct, the anterior seemingly suboval, the posterior broadly diamond-shaped and lying astride the posterior angle. Pallial sinus and pallial line not visible. Basal margin finely serrate.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (T472a), right valve, length 2.7 mm.; height 2 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One juvenile right valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—*D. marensis*, n. sp. is more fragile, less inflated, and with a gentler posterior slope than *D. vagus*, n. sp. described on the preceding page. *D. marensis* resembles the young of the upper Miocene to Recent *D. fossor* Say (see Gardner, 1943, U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 199-A, pp. 106-107, pl. 23, figs. 2, 11) but is a thinner shell than that, and the posterior end proper is subtruncate rather than subrounded as on *D. fossor*.

### SANGUINOLARIIDAE

#### **Sanguinolaria (Psammotella) operculata (Gmelin)** Pl. 53, figs. 14-17

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- 1791. *Tellina operculata* Gmelin, Syst. Nat., ed. 13, vol. 1, p. 3235.
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- 1815. *Tellina operculata* Gmelin, Wood, General Conchology, p. 165, pl. 42, fig. 1.
- 1878. *Tellina rufescens* Chemnitz, Mörch, Catalogue of West-India Shells, p. 14.
- 1887. *Tellina (Psammotella) operculata* (Gmelin), Fischer, Manuel de Conchyliologie et de Paléontologie Paleontologique, p. 1147.
- 1898. *Sanguinolaria (Psammotella) operculata* (Gmelin), Dall, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 50, pp. 58, 62.
- 1900. *Sanguinolaria (Psammotella) operculata* (Gmelin), Dall, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 5, pp. 973, 978.
- 1917. *Sanguinolaria (Psammotella) rufescens* (Gmelin), Maury, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, No. 29, p. 393.
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1952. *Sanguinolaria operculata* (Gmelin), Pulley, Texas Jour. Sci., vol. 4, No. 2, p. 183.

Shell elongate, ovate, the height about half the length, inequilateral, subequivalve, the right valve inflated and a little twisted, the left valve flattish and somewhat more tapering. Behind, the valves are gently rostrated by a low subrounded radial ridge, the posterior submargin adjacent to the ridge slightly concave, the area in front of the ridge a little depressed, the depression widening rapidly toward the base. Anterodorsal margin straight, nearly horizontal, short to moderately long, the anterior end well rounded, the basal margin subtruncate at the middle but embayed at the posterior depression, the posterior end narrowed and obliquely truncate, the posterodorsal margin subtruncate away from the hinge, straight to hardly concave at the hinge. Beak low, pointed, situated a little behind the middle. Surface marked by numerous fine concentric lineations which are obsolescent on the umbo and faint on the disk, but crowded, low, and sublamellar on the posterior submargin. Traversing the lower half of the disk but absent on the posterior submargin are feeble, rather closely spaced subregular shallow radial grooves. Ligament external, the nymph platform lanceolate and roughened by numerous vertical rugae. Right cardinal teeth forming a caret, the posterior tooth cuneate, strongly bifid, curving a little outward, and larger than the anterior, the anterior tooth also roughly cuneate but simple. The hinge plate on the right valve forms a slightly thickened upswept lip at the rear of the nymph. On the left valve the anterior cardinal is also bifid, and fits into the triangular socket of the right valve; the left posterior cardinal is more or less lamellar, and fits into the groove of the posterior tooth of the right valve. Anterior muscle scar lenticular, posterior scar broadly subcylindrical. Pallial sinus ample, the upper line rising slightly from the inner edge of the posterior muscle scar, then descending and later turning in to join the pallial line at about the middle of its length on the right valve. On fresh

shells the interior is glossy, and the ventral margin finely crinkled. Extending from a little above the posterior adductor scar, and passing along the inner edge of the scar to a little above the ventral margin, there is a feeble radial ridge at the termination of which there is a whitish node. Within, the color of the valves is generally a uniform pink but sometimes peach, with the margins a deeper tone of the same hue. The surface is colored in bands of lighter and darker pink, the umbo suffused a darker rose.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B445a, right valve, height 34 mm.; length 65.5 mm.; approx. thickness 10.2 mm. Specimen B445b, a broken doublet, the larger fragment (right valve) 34 mm. in length. The umbonal area of a large broken left valve is 4 mm. in thickness. Largest specimen, a right valve, height 36 mm.; length 70.5 mm.; approx. thickness 10 mm.

*Locality*.—On beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Twenty-two specimens including seventeen right valves, four doublets all with the attached valves broken, and one left valve with the sides and base broken away.

*Remarks*.—*Sanguinolaria operculata* (Gmelin) is narrower and more elongate than the Recent Western Atlantic *S. sanguinolenta* (Gmelin) but is close to the Recent Eastern Pacific *S. bertini* Pilsbry and Lowe (1932, p. 91, pl. 10, figs. 7-8), differing perhaps in the somewhat greater angle that the upper line of the pallial sinus on *S. operculata* joins the pallial line, and perhaps, as suggested by Hertlein and Strong, in the greater distance of confluence of the lines on *S. operculata*. A fossil species that is closely related to both *S. operculata* and *S. bertini* is *S. smithwoodwardi* Maury (1917, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 5, No. 29, pp. 393-394, pl. 38, figs. 1-2) from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic. There is a slight difference in shape between the right valve of *S. smithwoodwardi* and the Recent Higuerote specimens of *S. operculata*, and, according to Maury, the left valve of *S. smithwoodwardi* (of which she had 10 examples) is marked only by delicate concentric striae instead of both the delicate concentric and radial lineations that are discernible on the Higuerote left valve. The middle Miocene *S. alouatta* Olsson (1922, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 39, pp. 432-433, pl. 29, figs. 5-6) is another fossil relative of *S. operculata*, but that too differs in outline, with the anterodorsal margin of the right valve and the



posterodorsal margin of the left valve being more concave than on the respective valves of *S. operculata*.

*Range and distribution*.—Recent in the Western Atlantic from the Gulf of Mexico ? to Brazil.

**Tagelus plebeius (Solander)**

Pl. 54, figs. 1-4

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1794. *Solen gibbus* Spengler, *Skrivt. Nat. Selsk. Copenhagen*, vol. 3, p. 104.
1795. *Solen guineensis* Chemnitz, *Syst. Conchylien-Cabinet*, vol. 11, p. 202, pl. 198, fig. 1937.
1817. *Siliquaria notata* Schumacher, *Essai d'un nouveau système des habitations des vers testacés*, Copenhagen, p. 129, pl. 7, figs. 2-3.
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The Recent Higuerote shell referred to this species is moderately large, thin, oblong, and subequilateral. Postumbonal portion of shell a little narrower than the preumbonal by reason of a slight downwarp of the posterodorsal margin behind the beak. Posterior end subangularly rounded, anterior end shallowly rounded; basal margin truncate, sometimes hardly embayed behind the middle, the embayment coinciding with the broad feeble radial depression on the lower half of the valve; anterodorsal margin with a slight slope. Beak low, nearly central. Posterior area delimited by a low obscure radial ridge extending from the umbo to the ventral margin; there is also a faint radial swelling delimiting the anterior submargin from the disk. Hinge with two slender projecting cardinals in each valve. Anterior adductor impression elongated, subtrigonal, and tapering upward, the posterior impression broadly pyriform, both impressions high. Pallial line remote from the ventral margin. Pallial sinus large, extending horizontally a little beyond the median line of the valve, the apex of the sinus rounded. Surface sculptured by irregular concentric growth lines. Periostracum dull brown, puckered by fine irregular concentric wrinkles and rather widely spaced thin irregular radial wrinkles at the base. Color white on the exterior and interior.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B492a, right valve, length 51.5 mm.; height 18.7 mm.; thickness 5.2 mm. Specimen B492b, left valve (broken away posteriorly and basally) length 37.7 mm.; thickness 4 mm.

*Locality.*—On beach, southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Six specimens including five right valves and one left valve.

*Remarks.*—The Higuerote shell has much the same configuration as the late Miocene to Recent east American *T. (Mesopleura) divisus* (Spengler), but there is no indication whatsoever of the characteristic internal radial rib of that species. The west American analogue of *T. plebeius* is the Pleistocene to Recent *T. affinis* (C. B. Adams) (see Turner, 1956, Occas. Papers on Mollusks, vol. 2, No. 20, p. 29, pl. 19, figs. 17-18), but according to the original description given by Adams there is one tooth in the left valve and two in the right, whereas on *T. plebeius* there are two teeth in each valve.

*Range and distribution.*—The chronologic range of *T. plebeius* is late Miocene to Recent. The living shell ranges from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to Brazil. In the Pleistocene it is recorded from Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana. In the Pliocene it is reported from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and México. In the upper Miocene it occurs in Virginia.

#### SOLENIDAE

##### *Solen (Solena) obliquus* Spengler

Pl. 54, figs. 5, 6

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Shell solid, elongate-rectangular, the long posterodorsal margin parallel with the ventral margin, the short posterodorsal margin somewhat sloping; anterior end obliquely subtruncate, longer below, rounded at the corner with the base, angulated at the corner with the anterodorsal margin, the posterior end squarely truncated. Beak low, situated one-sixth the length of the shell from the anterior end. Left valve with one cuneate cardinal tooth which is bordered behind by a deep narrow furrow. Anterior muscle scar horizontally disposed, elongate-reniform, placed under the beak, the posterior scar suboval, lying about three-eighths the length of the shell from the posterior end. Pallial line long, subparallel with the ventral margin but slightly descending, joined to the base of the anterior muscle scar by a short vertical line, and joined to the apex of the short pallial sinus which lies below, and does not project beyond the posterior muscle scar. Anterior half of valve sculptured by rude horizontal growth lines which are squared off and continue vertically at the anterior end; extending from the umbo obliquely toward the posterior of the valve are a series of faint tan rays, the lowest of which divides the valve obliquely in two; the horizontal growth lines on the anterior half of the shell abut against the lowest ray, veering therefrom abruptly, nearly vertically, and slightly arcuately to the dorsal margin. Periostracum brown, and wrinkled to conform with the growth lines on the surface of the shell. The color of the two Higuerote specimens is off-white both within and without.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B489a, left valve, length 90 mm.; height 23 mm.; thickness 5 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. Two left valves.

*Remarks*.—The Eastern Pacific analogue of *S. obliquus* is the

Recent *S. rudis* C. B. Adams (see Turner, 1956, p. 83, pl. 19, figs. 1-2) which ranges from Costa Rica to Peru. However, the ratio of height to length is 1 to 4-1/2 on *S. rudis*, 1 to 4 on *S. obliquus*; furthermore, the beak is one-seventh of the length of the valve from the anterior extremity on *S. rudis*, one-sixth on *S. obliquus*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Solen obliquus* Spengler is recorded from Miocene to Recent. The living shell is Caribbean in habitat, extending from Cuba and Puerto Rico to northern South America. Internal molds of a form assumed to be this species were collected by me in 1925 from a limestone of Pleistocene or Pliocene age west of Tunkas, in the State of Yucatan, México. In the Pliocene, *S. obliquus* has been found at Matura, Trinidad, and in the Miocene, a fragment of a shell closely resembling the Recent *S. obliquus*, was collected by Maury in the Río Cana at Caimito, Dominican Republic.

**Solen species**

Pl. 54, figs. 7-10

The following description is reconstructed from a number of fragments.

Shell moderately thin but strong, subcylindrical, narrow and much elongated, the length estimated at 4-1/2 to 5 times the height, the valves tapering slightly toward the posterior end. Dorsal margin long and straight, ventral margin shallowly arcuate, posterior end hardly rounded to subtruncate, anterior end not seen. On none of the fragments is the hinge conserved, but it is inferred to be terminal. Posterior muscle scar broadly trigonal, the anterior scar narrow, elongated, slightly arcuate, and more or less parallel with the dorsal margin. Pallial line distant from the base, long, subparallel with the ventral margin but ascending a little from the front to the apex of the pallial sinus which it joins. Pallial sinus short, projecting horizontally, the upper limb of the sinus joined to the posterior muscle scar, the apex not extending beyond the midline of the scar. Another line, representing the dorsal edge of the body of the animal, runs irregularly parallel with the dorsal margin; this line joins the upper anterior angle of the posterior scar, but runs above the anterior muscle scar, possibly joining the latter at its anterior tip. Surface sculptured by fine growth lines, the lines on the anterior half of the valve conforming with the outline of the valve; dividing the



valve obliquely there is a hardly discernible division, descending from front to rear, along which the lines of growth veer abruptly, the upper lines vertically arcuate to the dorsal margin, the lower lines divaricating horizontally.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen I490a, posterior portion of left valve, length 55 mm.; height 13 mm.; thickness 5.4 mm. Specimen T490a, posterior portion of right valve, length 42 mm.; height 14.3 mm.; thickness 6 mm.

*Localities.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four fragments. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two fragments. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Four fragments.

*Remarks.*—The Cabo Blanco specimens are too fragmentary to be definitively compared. The Pliocene to Recent *S. viridis* Say, among other slight differences, is smaller and thinner. The Recent *S. tehuelcus* d'Orbigny from Brazil and Argentina is also similar, but it too is a more fragile shell, as is the Miocene to Recent *S. rosaceus* Carpenter from west America.

***Solecortus cumingianus* (Dunker)**

Pl. 54, figs. 11, 12

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The following description pertains to the right valve.

Shell moderately thin and convex, narrowly oblong, the length about 2-1/2 times the height. Dorsal and ventral margins perfectly parallel, the ends of the valve shallowly rounded. Anterior submargin delimited by a broad radial swelling or ridge, the middle of the disk with a broad but feeble depression near the base. Beak low, situated at the anterior third, slightly opisthogyrate. Hinge of right valve with two cardinals seemingly united above, the anterior cardinal nearly vertical, the posterior one oblique, the socket between them deep and obliquely subelliptical. Anterior adductor impression pear-shaped, the posterior subangularly cylindrical. Pallial line remote from ventral margin, joining the base of the anterior adductor impression. Pallial sinus long, linguiform, extending horizontally forward for about two-thirds the length of the valve from the posterior end, the lower line of the sinus confluent with the pallial line a little behind the middle of the valve, the upper line joining the inner angle of the posterior adductor impression. Surface sculptured predominantly by fine and coarse irregular concentric striae or wrinkles, the striae crossing several disjointed thin radial riblets or wrinkles on the posterior submargin, the riblets descending from below the umbonal region to near the posterior end; similar but obsolescent radial threads are present on the lower half of the anterior submargin; diverging from their apex at the beak are two faint linear impressions which extend to the ventral margin. The posterior half of the right valve is scored by widely spaced, sharp, zigzag to vermicular grooves slanting down from the dorsal side toward the front; under a lens shorter, closer, but less continuous grooves are seen on the anterior half of the valve, slanting down toward the rear. Apparently the pattern of these grooves is variable as on the anterior half of another Cabo Blanco specimen the grooves form a connected series of small chevron-like triangles.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen I491a, right valve, length 61 mm.; height 24.7 mm.; thickness 8.1 mm.



*Localities.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One right valve. Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One specimen, the posterior half of a right valve. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, in Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from its junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One specimen, the anterior half of a right valve.

*Remarks.*—Dall listed *S. lineatus* (Gabb) as synonymous with *S. cumingianus* (Dunker), and although the two are alike, the type of *S. lineatus* is a thinner shell than *S. cumingianus*, and there is a more pronounced radial depression across the middle of the valve than on *S. cumingianus*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Solecurtus cumingianus* (Dunker) is reported as ranging from Pliocene to Recent. The living shell extends from North Carolina, U.S.A., to Brazil. The fossil is recorded from the Pliocene of Florida and Costa Rica.

#### MACTRIDAE

##### ***Mactra* (*Mactrellona* ?) *iheringi* (Dall)**

Pl. 55, figs. 1, 2

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A single worn and broken left valve is referred to this species. The shell is thin, convex, large, broadly oval, bluntly pointed posteriorly, and with a slight gape in the ventral margin near the posterior end. The pallial sinus is long and sublinguiform, extending horizontally to a little beyond the median line of the valve, the apex of the sinus rounded. The exterior is straw-colored with a band of faded gray around the margin, the gray reflected through to the interior.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen B554a, left valve, length 52 mm.; thickness 21 mm.

*Locality.*—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One left valve, broken away at the umbo.

*Remarks.*—Dall's original description is as follows:

Shell thin, white, inflated, with small and prominent beaks, externally with fine concentric, and a few irregular, radial lines, and a silky-yellowish epidermis, the beaks median, smooth, with an obsolete posterior keel, the lunular region widely and deeply impressed; hinge of the subgenus, the pallial sinus angular, reaching to the vertical of the beaks. Lon. 65.0; alt. 52.0; diam. 32.0 mm.

*Range and distribution.*—Recent, northern coast of South America to Brazil.

**Mulinia cleryana** (d'Orbigny)

Pl. 55, figs. 3-6

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1864. *Mactra donacaeformis* Krebs (*non* Gray), and *M. guadelupensis* Récluz, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 105.
1864. *Mactra guadeloupensis* Récluz, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 105.
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1868. *Mactra guadelupensis* Récluz, Conrad, Amer. Jour. Conch., vol. 3, pt. 3, Appendix, No. 10, p. 32.
1868. *Trigonella Guadelupensis* (Récluz), Conrad, Amer. Jour. Conch., vol. 3, pt. 3, Appendix, No. 10, p. 37.
1873. *Gnathodon guadelupensis* (Récluz), Sowerby, [in] Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 19, pl. 1, sp. 2.
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Shell of medium size and thickness, inflated, subequilaterally triangular in outline, with a narrow but fairly sharp posterior carination bounding the rather wide posterior area, and with a faint anterior angulation bounding the wide lunular area. Dorsal margins sloping about equally, anterior end subangularly rounded, ventral margin shallowly subarcuate to subsinuous except at the rear where it is obliquely subtruncate to hardly embayed, posterior corner slightly attenuated, posterior end short and obtusely angulated. Disk with a faint radial sulcus or depression in front of the posterior carination. Posterior submargin with one or two feeble ridgelets diverging from the umbo, the after ridgelet bounding the large subelliptical escutcheonal area which is twice as wide as the submargin proper. Lunule not defined, the greater lunular area or submargin elliptical, bounded by the faint angulation descending from the umbo. Umbo full, rather sharply divergent. Beaks high, subcentral, acutely downcurved, directed slightly forward at the tip, the dorsal margins projecting beyond them to form a ledge which keeps the beaks well apart when the valves are closed; on the ledge there is a somewhat asymmetrical caret-like area, the tip of the beak bisecting the apex of the caret, the sides of the caret defined by a faint groove on the right valve, the posterior side of the caret on the left valve depressed and bordered by a small elevated ridge. External surface shiny, sculptured by concentric striae and fine wrinkles, exhibiting here and there stronger grooves representing periods of arrested growth, the striae finer, closer, and more regular on the escutcheonal and lunular areas. In addition, the disk is seen under a lens to be marked by numerous short irregular vermicular and divaricating radii which impart a shagreen effect to the surface. Hinge equipped with strong lateral teeth, the grooves of the right valve receiving the elevated teeth of the left. Anterior and posterior cardinal teeth of the right valve laminar, not coalescent above, diverging at a little less than 90 degrees, the anterior cardinal oblique to the dorsal margin, the posterior vertical. Resilium of right valve deeply sunken, pear-shaped, overhung by the dorsal margin. Cardinals of left valve fused into a tentlike process, the posterior arm of the process nearly vertical, the anterior divergent, the process with a small triangular pit below it; there is a thin accessory lamina proximate to, and parallel with the posterior arm, and after that is the

sunken resilium. Interior glossy. Adductor impressions somewhat depressed, the anterior semi-elliptical, the posterior suboval. Pallial line parallel with the margin, the pallial sinus low (about a fourth of the altitude of the valve in from the margin), linguiform, joining the pallial line in an acutely rounded end, the upper line of the sinus horizontal and somewhat sinuous, the apex of the sinus narrowly rounded and projecting to about two-fifths the width of the valve in from the posterior end. Most of the shells are cream and gray-black on the surface, the gray-black occurring as concentric bands on the lower half of the valve and on the sides of the umbonal area; the interior is white, with the darker tone of the exterior reflected through.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen B545a, right valve, length 23 mm.; height 18.3 mm.; thickness 5.2 mm. Specimen B545b, left valve, length 24.2 mm.; height 21 mm.; thickness 6.9 mm. Largest specimen, a left valve, length 32.1 mm.; height 26.9 mm.; thickness 10.1 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuierote, State of Miranda. Forty-one specimens including twenty-four left valves and seventeen right valves.

*Remarks*.—The Venezuelan shell is identical to the species labeled, in one collection or another as *M. cleryana* (d'Orbigny), *M. guadelupensis* (Récluz), or *M. portoricensis* Shuttleworth. The synonymy presented in this work follows that of Dall and Lamy who combine *M. guadelupensis*, *M. portoricensis*, *M. cantraini* (Récluz), and *M. donacaeformis* Krebs (not Gray). Warmke and Abbott apply the name *M. portoricensis* to the Puerto Rican form, and this does seem to be a little different than the original illustration of *M. guadelupensis* from Guadeloupe Island in the Antilles. Nevertheless, the species is a variable one, and if all the forms mentioned are indeed synonymous, *M. cleryana* has priority, though it was not figured by D'Orbigny. The original description of *M. cleryana* is as follows:

N.° Mactre de Cléry, *Mactra Cleryana*, d'Orb., 1846

*M. testâ triangulari, compressâ, tenui, concentricè, substriatâ, albâ, epidermide fusciscente; latere buccali brevi, angulato; latere anali externè, subcarinato. Dimensions*: Longueur, 28 mill. Par rapport à la longueur: largeur 79/100; épaisseur 53/100; longueur de la région anale, 58/100; angle apical, 98 degrés. *Coquille* triangulaire, assez comprimée, mince, pourvue de quelques stries fines d'accroissement, et d'un épiderme très-mince, lui-même strié, presque équi-



latérale; le côté anal est plus long, anguleux et pourvu en dehors d'une carène assez prononcée. Le côté buccal est arrondi et étroit.

Elle est propre aux environs de Rio de Janeiro (Brésil), où elle a été recueillie par M. Cléry, et nous a été communiquée par M. Petit de la Saussaye.

*Range and distribution.*—Living, West Indies to Brazil.

**Labiosa (Raeta) aff. plicatella (Lamarck)**

Pl. 55, figs. 7, 8

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*Dimensions*.—Specimen Q463a, a broken doublet, height 26 mm.; thickness 18 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-4, Quebrada Las Pailas. One imperfect doublet.

*Remarks*.—The species cannot be identified with certainty but



it is close to *L. plicatella* (Lamarck) as well as to the Miocene to Recent *L. undulata* (Gould) (see Hertlein and Strong, 1950, Zoologica, vol. 35, pt. 4, No. 19, pp. 235-236; and Olsson, 1961, Panamic-Pacific Pelecypoda, p. 332, pl. 56, figs. 6a, 6b). *L. plicatella* is distinguished from *L. undulata* in having the beak somewhat nearer the posterior end. The Cabo Blanco fossil also superficially resembles the middle Miocene *L. gardnerae* Spieker (1922, Johns Hopkins Univ. Studies in Geol., No. 3, pp. 168-169, pl. 10, fig. 10) from Peru and Colombia, and the form referred to by Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, p. 331, pl. 31, fig. 9) as *Thracia* (*Cyathodonta*) *meridionalis* (Guppy). According to Rutsch (1943, Naturforschenden Gesellschaft Verhandl., vol. 54, p. 126, pl. 6, fig. 4) Maury's *Thracia meridionalis* from the Springvale Miocene of Trinidad is not the same as *Raeta meridionalis* Guppy (Agric. Soc. Trinidad and Tobago, Soc. Paper No. 454, vol. 11, pl. 2, fig. 1) also from the Springvale Miocene of Trinidad but is, rather, the same as *Thracia tristani* Olsson (Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 9, No. 39, p. 383, pl. 20, fig. 3) from the middle Miocene of Costa Rica. In the same publication mentioned above, Rutsch (pp. 121-122, pl. 4, fig. 3) refers *Raeta meridionalis* Guppy to *Anatina* (*Raeta*) cf. *undulata* (Gould).

*Range and distribution.*—The living *L. plicatella* ranges from New Jersey, U.S.A., to Brazil. In the Pleistocene the species has been recorded from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and South Carolina; in the Pliocene it occurs in Florida; and in the upper Miocene it has been reported from Texas (in the Galveston well) and Florida.

#### MESODESMATIDAE

***Erilia nitens venezuelana*, new subspecies**

Pl. 55, figs. 9-14;  
Pl. 56, figs. 1-8

Shell small, longer than high, inequilateral, triangularly oval, compressed to scarcely inflated, the posterior end produced and slightly narrowed. Ventral margin gently rounded, anterior and posterior ends well rounded, the dorsal margins straightish, the anterodorsal margin a little shorter and descending at a slightly greater angle. Immature specimens are thin and translucent, adults relatively thin. Beak in front of the middle, full and projecting

above the hinge on young specimens, subacute and appressed on mature specimens. Surface marked by delicate concentric lineations or fine subregular concentric fillets, crossed, on a number of examples, by numerous microscopic radii. On the holotype and several other specimens, the radial striae are more pronounced on the hinder part of the valve and ephemeral on the rest of the valve; on some specimens the radii are ephemeral throughout, and on others they cannot be seen at all. Interior glossy. On the right valve, the broad triangular chondrophore is bordered anteriorly by a strong protruberant cuneate cardinal tooth and posteriorly by a lower and smaller tooth; the lateral grooves of the right valve are delicate, the posterior the longer. The lunule of the right valve is rudimentary and linear, the escutcheon short and vestigial, the dorsal margin immediately aft of the escutcheon thin and slightly convex upward. On the left valve, the lunule is slightly depressed and wider than on the right valve; the escutcheon is flattish and hardly developed; the chondrophore is triangular with the base slightly convex upward; in front of the chondrophore there is a deeper, narrowly triangular socket which receives the right anterior cardinal tooth of the right valve, the posterior edge of the socket developed as a sharp laminar ridge. The laterals of the left valve are absent or vestigial, the inner edge of the dorsal margins fitting into the grooves of the right valve. Muscle scars faint, the anterior irregularly pear-shaped, the posterior semicylindrical. Pallial sinus "U"-shaped, bluntly rounded in front, embayed more or less parallel with the long axis of the valve and extending forward to near the median vertical of the interior; the margin of the sinus obliquely truncates the pallial line posterior to the middle, the sinus margin continuing some distance below the cut-off of the pallial line.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (J449a), right valve, height 5.3 mm.; length 7.3 mm.; thickness 1.3 mm. Paratype (J449b), left valve, height 5.6 mm.; length 9 mm.; thickness 1.3 mm. Paratype (G449a), right valve, height 5.3 mm.; length 7.8 mm.; approx. thickness 1.2 mm. Paratype (G449b), young left valve, height 2.8 mm.; length 4.1 mm.; thickness 0.9 mm. Paratype (I449a), right valve, height 4.4 mm.; length 6.7 mm.; thickness 1 mm. Paratype (T449a), juvenile right valve, height 2.5 mm.; length 3.8 mm.;



thickness 0.9 mm. Paratype (T453a), juvenile left valve, height 2.2 mm.; length 3.3 mm.; thickness 0.8 mm.

*Type locality*.—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Fifteen specimens including six right valves and nine left valves.

*Other localities*.—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Twenty-one specimens including fourteen right valves and seven left valves. Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens including three right valves and one left valve. Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southeast of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Eighteen specimens including ten right valves and eight left valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. Twenty-nine specimens including fifteen left valves and fourteen right valves.

*Comparisons*.—The new subspecies differs from *E. nitens nitens* (Montagu) (See Maxwell Smith, 1937, East Coast Marine Shells, p. 66, pl. 26, figs. 10a, 10b) in being more compressed and a little more elongate. It differs from *E. subcancellata* E. A. Smith (1885, Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, vol. 13, pp. 80-81, pl. 6, figs. 2-2b) in lacking the thickening, which, rising beneath the umbo, descends to the inner side of the anterior muscle scar. Both *E. nitens s. s.* and *E. subcancellata* are Recent Western Atlantic species.

***Ervilia antilleana*, new species**

Pl. 56, figs. 9-12

Shell small, solid, compressed, suboval, inequilateral, the posterior end produced and slightly narrowed. Ventral margin shallowly rounded, the anterior and posterior ends well rounded, the anterodorsal margin straight, the posterodorsal margin hardly convex on young specimens, straight to hardly concave on adults. Beak in front of the middle, the apex full and projecting a little above the hinge. Surface marked by fine concentric lineations or fillets, crossed on a few examples by closely spaced microscopic radial striae on the posterior part of the valve. Interior typically with three low broad diverging ridges originating beneath the hinge, one of the ridges descending to the inner side of the anterior muscles scar, another to

the inner side of the posterior muscle scar, and the third descending obliquely rearward to near the top of the pallial sinus. On a number of specimens, however, the interior ridges are abscescent. Right valve with a triangular chondrophore, the anterior cardinal tooth strong, cuneate, and protruberant, the posterior cardinal lower and smaller. Lateral grooves of the right valve rather well developed, the hinder a little stronger and longer. On the left valve, the chondrophore is triangular, with a deeper and narrower triangular socket in front of it, and the lateral grooves are rudimentary. The muscle scars are somewhat depressed, the anterior pear-shaped, the posterior semicylindrical. The pallial sinus is "U"-shaped, well rounded in front, embayed more or less parallel with the long axis of the valve, and extending forward to not quite the median vertical; the margin of the sinus obliquely truncates the pallial line aft of the middle, the margin continuing some distance below the cut-off of the pallial line.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (G450a), right valve, height 2.3 mm.; length 3.4 mm.; approx. thickness 0.8 mm. Paratype (G450b), left valve, height 1.5 mm.; length 2.2 mm.; approx. thickness 0.7 mm.

*Type locality*.—Upper Mare formation at W-14, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Eight specimens including seven right valves and one left valve.

*Other localities*.—Upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters south-southwest of mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Eight specimens including seven right valves and one left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four specimens including two right valves and two left valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Four right valves. Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One right valve.

*Comparisons*.—This species occurs with the preceding *E. nitens venezuelana*, and there are occasional specimens which are difficult to distinguish from that. Generally, however, *E. antilleana*, n. sp. may be discriminated from *E. n. venezuelana* by its flatter, sturdier, and whiter shell, by the somewhat stronger development of the lateral grooves, and by the broad radial internal ridges arising beneath the hinge. The new species is also close to the Recent *E. subcancellata* E. A. Smith (1885, Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology,



vol. 13, 80-81, pl. 6, figs. 2-2b), but the valves are more compressed. The Pliocene to Recent *E. concentrica* (Gould) (see McLean, 1951, p. 112, pl. 23, fig. 3) is more inflated, has a more concave postero-dorsal margin, and is more trigonal in outline than *E. antilleana*, n. sp. *E. valhosierr* Gardner (1928, U.S. Geol. Surv., Prof Paper 142-E, pp. 225-226, pl. 34, figs. 6-9) from the middle Miocene Chipola formation of Florida is a more triangular shell with a lower and more appressed beak.

***Ervilia caribbeana*, new species**

Pl. 56, figs. 13, 14

Shell small, subequilateral, moderately inflated, trigonal in outline, the anterodorsal margin hardly convex, the posterodorsal margin straight and a little longer, the slope of the dorsal margins about equal, the ends of the valve well rounded, the basal margin gently arcuate. Beak small, smooth, full, opisthogyrate, situated slightly forward of the middle. Below the prodissoconch the surface is sculptured by fine raised subregular concentric lirae separated by wider interspaces, the interspaces, especially those on the posterior end and toward the base, but to some extent those on the forward end as well, marked by numerous microscopic threads. Left valve with a broadly triangular rather shallow chondrophore; in front of the chondrophore is a deep narrowly triangular socket, the tooth between the chondrophore and socket rather thin, sharp, and elevated. Nymph more or less triangular, somewhat pointed at the middle of the inner edge, bounded by a moderately pronounced groove. The lateral grooves of the left valve are scarcely perceptible and virtually obsolete. Neither the pallial sinus nor the muscle scars are discernible but there is a low ridge descending from beneath the hinge along the inner margin of the anterior muscle scar; in certain light a faint thickening is also observed descending from beneath the middle of hinge, and there is yet another feebler swelling near the inner margin of the left posterior scar.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (S459), young left valve, height 1.8 mm.; length 2.6 mm.; approx. thickness 0.8 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-23, north flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons.*—This form is close to the Recent Western Atlantic *E. subcancellata* Smith (1885, Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, vol. 13, pp. 80-81, pl. 6, figs. 2-2b) and to the middle Miocene *E. gabbi* Woodring (1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, p. 185, pl. 25, figs. 17-18) from Jamaica. It is more trigonal, and the ends more acutely rounded than on *S. subcancellata*, and is less inflated and slightly less attenuate posteriorly than *E. gabbi*. From *E. nitens venezuelana*, n. subsp. and *E. antilleana*, n. sp. the present form is distinguished by its sharper concentric lirae.

***Ervilia mareana*, new species**

Pl. 56, figs. 15, 16;  
Pl. 57, figs. 1, 2

Shell small, subequilateral, suboval, broadly and gently rostrate behind, moderately inflated. Anterodorsal margin straightish to hardly convex, anterior end blunt above, basal margin evenly arcuate, posterior end obliquely subtruncate, posterodorsal margin straight. Prodissoconch plump and smooth, the beak subcentral, projecting slightly above the hinge. Sculpture consisting of flattish subregular concentric ribs separated by slightly narrower interspaces, and of radial striae which are scarcely visible on the posterior end and obscure elsewhere. Hinge of right valve rather strong, the anterior cardinal tooth obliquely bifid, and well developed, the inner prong the stouter; chondrophore triangular, the tooth along the posterior margin smaller than the prong along the anterior margin. Nymph small, more or less diamond shaped. Lateral grooves of right valve delicate, the posterior slightly the larger. Interior glossy. Right anterior muscle scar narrowly pear-shaped, bordered along the inner margin by a faint narrow ridge extending to the under side of the hinge. Right posterior muscle scar and pallial sinus not visible.

*Dimensions.*—Holotype (I452a), right valve, length 2.85 mm.; height 2.1 mm.; approx. thickness 1.1 mm. Paratype (J452a), right valve, length 3.8 mm.; height 2.7 mm.; approx. thickness 1.1 mm.

*Type locality.*—Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Three right valves.

*Other localities.*—Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. Two right valves including the paratype which is damaged at margin behind the beak.



*Comparisons.*—*E. mareana*, n. sp. is fuller at the umbo than *E. nitens* (Montagu), and is more equilateral than the Pliocene to Recent *E. concentrica* Gould. *E. mareana*, n. sp. is suboval in outline whereas *E. rostratula* Rehder and *E. subcancellata* E. A. Smith are subtrigonal. Compared with the other species of *Ervilia* described from the Cabo Blanco area, *E. mareana* is more equilateral than *E. nitens venezuelana*, n. subsp., is more inflated and thinner than *E. antilleana*, n. sp., and is more broadly ribbed than *E. caribbeana*, n. sp. *E. mareana* is less attenuate posteriorly than the middle Miocene *E. gabbi* Woodring, and the dorsal margins are less steeply descending than on the Jamaican form.

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#### *Corbula (Juliacorbula) aequivalvis* Philippi

Pl. 57, figs. 3-6

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1953. *Corbula (Caryocorbula) cubaniana* Orbigny, Haas, Fieldiana-Zoology, vol. 34, No. 20, p. 203.
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1958. *Corbula aequivalvis* Philippi and *Juliacorbula knoxiana* C. B. Adams, Olsson and McGinty, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 39, No. 177, p. 22.
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The fossils referred to this species are small, subtrapezoidal, inequilateral, inflated, subequivalve. Although there are no paired valves in the collection, it is inferred that the right valve is slightly overlapping as there is a groove developed parallel with, and proximate to the margins except on the posterior end where it is absent. This groove engages the rim of the left valve. Antero-dorsal margin nearly straight, anterior end well rounded, ventral margin hardly arcuate to subtruncate, posterior end nearly vertical truncated, posterodorsal margin slightly convex. Rostral keel acute, extending from the beak to the base. Area behind rostrum somewhat concave, set at an angle of 90 degrees or more from the disk. Posterior area with a gentle, arcuate upfold or angulation diverging from the keel at the beak, extending to and broadening toward the base where it is placed about a third of the width of the posterior slope in from the keel. On the posterior area bordering the escutcheon there is a narrow crenated ridglet. A gentle radial



depression is present on the disk from the umbo to the middle of the basal margin. Beak low, flattened on top, prosogyrate, sub-central. Lunule suggested but not defined by the obsolescence of the ribs continuing thereon from the disk. Escutcheon sublanceolate, perhaps a little larger on the left valve, defined by a narrow ridglet, marked by faint continuations of the ribs from the posterior area. External sculpture consisting of 38 or so strong, more or less equal concentric ribs continuing from near the anterior margin over the disk and posterior area to the edge of the escutcheon. The ribs are prominent but smaller, subregular, and more closely spaced on the posterior area; on the upper half of the valve the ribs are flexuous where they cross the rostral keel, but on the lower half the ribs run straight across the keel. On the disk there are a few faint microscopic secondaries between the main ribs, and on the best preserved specimens there are numerous surficial microscopic radial striae on the posterior area, such striae appearing also on the disk where the surface is worn to expose the under layer of shell. Hinge tooth of right valve strong, cuneate, flattened in front, upturned and curved in toward the beak at the apex, the apex elevated a little above the beak. Behind that tooth the resilial pit is large and deep. Hinge of left valve with an upcurved laminar tooth, in front of which, and directly below the beak, is an obtusely triangular socket. Adductor impressions distinct, the anterior one arcuate and narrowly lenticular, the posterior one subpyriform, lying on the posterior slope a short distance in from the interior groove, the groove representing the internal correlative of the rostral keel. Pallial line regular, joining the base of both adductors at the inner side, the line occasionally bowed up slightly at the middle.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen C535a, right valve, length 12.3 mm.; height 8 mm.; thickness 3.6 mm. Specimen C535b, left valve, length 10.2 mm.; height 7 mm.; thickness 2.8 mm.

*Locality*.—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Twenty-eight specimens including sixteen right valves and twelve left valves.

*Remarks*.—The fossils from La Salina are identical to the Recent *C. knoxiana* C. B. Adams from Jamaica, and that, as well as *C. cubaniana* d'Orbigny, is considered the same as the earlier-named *C. aequivalvis* Philippi.

*Range and distribution.*—Recent, from Florida to Brazil. Pleistocene in the Panama Canal Zone. Pliocene, at Matura, Trinidad. Antecedents are *C. aequivalvis stainforthi* Rutsch (1943, pp. 124-125, pl. 3, figs. 8-9) from the upper Miocene of Trinidad, and *C. knoxiana fossilis* Pilsbry (1921, p. 427, pl. 46, fig. 14) from the middle Miocene of the Dominican Republic.

**Corbula (Caryocorbula) cf. lavalleana d'Orbigny**

Pl. 57, figs. 7-14

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- 1845. *Corbula Lavalleana* d'Orbigny, [in] La Sagra, Hist. Fís., Polít. y Nat. Isla de Cuba, vol. 5, Moluscos, p. 323.
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- 1864. *Corbula Lavalleana* d'Orbigny, Krebs, The West Indian Marine Shells, p. 110.
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- 1941. *Corbula (Cuneocorbula) Lavalleana* d'Orbigny, Lamy, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 84, p. 231.
- 1951. ?*Corbula lavalleana* d'Orbigny, McLean, New York Acad. Sci. Scientific Survey of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, vol. 17, pt. 1, p. 115.

Shell small, fairly solid, inflated, ovate-subtrigonal in outline, rostrate behind, inequilateral, subequivalve. The base of the right valve is somewhat incurved, and this, together with the gutter near the margin of the right valve, suggests that it incloses or overlaps the left valve at its rim. Anterodorsal margin straight, anterior end symmetrically rounded, ventral margin subtruncate to shallowly arcuate (the arcuate form embayed slightly in front of the posterior ridge), posterior end produced and obtusely pointed, posterodorsal margin hardly sinuous. Central area of disk evenly inflated, but before the posterior ridge there may be a slight radial depression. Posterior ridge angulate to subangulate, the posterior area a little concave, sloping more steeply near the beak than at the base. Beak moderately low, appressed on top, subcentral, prosogyrate. Lunule not defined. Escutcheon on right valve narrow and



bordered by a faint ridge. Sculpture consisting of irregular obsolescent concentric folds on the umbonal area, these developing into stronger subregular and subsinuous lirae or riblets below, a few of the lirae on the disk discontinuous, the continuous ones extending from the anterior margin to the faint ridge bordering the escutcheon; on the posterior area the lirae are a little sharper and closer together. On a number of specimens and especially where the surface is worn, there are fine subequally and rather widely spaced radial filaments on the disk, the filaments crowded on the posterior slope. Hinge of right valve with a strong cuneate upturned tooth, rounded in front, incurved at the apex which rises a little above the beak; behind the tooth there is a large deep subtrigonal pit. Hinge of left valve with an upturned platy cardinal, in front of which is a triangular socket. Body cavity deep, its posterior margin, particularly on the right valve, warped and thickened. Adductor scars distinct, situated on the marginal platforms of the interior, the anterior scar reniform, the posterior suboval. Pallial line distinct, running closer to the margin posteriorly than anteriorly, joining the base of the adductor scars at their inner side, the line forming an abrupt angle of more than 90 degrees where it turns before joining the posterior scar. The gutter along which the valves are closed is nearer and parallel with the margin anteriorly, a little farther from the margin and subparallel with it behind the middle.

*Dimensions.*—Specimen C536a, right valve, length 9.8 mm.; height 7 mm.; thickness 4 mm. Specimen C536b, left valve, length 10.2 mm.; height 6.1 mm.; thickness 3.9 mm.

A few young shells, tentatively referred to this species, were collected in the Cabo Blanco area, and the measurements of the ones illustrated are as follows: Specimen T536a, right valve, length 5.5 mm.; height 3.8 mm.; thickness 1.7 mm. Specimen J536a, left valve, length 5.8 mm.; height 3.8 mm.; thickness 1.7 mm. Specimen I537a, left valve, length 5.9 mm.; height 3.8 mm.; thickness 1.9 mm.

*Localities.*—La Salina, west of Puerto Cabello, State of Carabobo. Seventeen specimens including fourteen right valves and three left valves.

The Cabo Blanco localities of the young specimens referred to above are as follows: upper Mare formation, in stream 250 meters west-southwest of the mouth of Quebrada Las Pailas. Two right

valves. Lower Mare formation, in small stream 100 meters west of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One left valve.

*Remarks.*—Except perhaps for the somewhat more widely spaced radial filaments than are shown on D'Orbigny's illustration of *C. lavalleana*, the La Salina fossils from Venezuela seem to be identical with D'Orbigny's Recent shell from Cuba. Also, the La Salina fossils cannot be distinguished from the Recent shells labeled *C. lavalleana* in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, No. 183924, from Haiti. D'Orbigny stated that his *C. lavalleana* could be differentiated from his *C. caribaea* by the occurrence on the former of radial striae, but as such striae are seen on some examples and not on others of the same species, it may be, as suggested by McLean, that *C. lavalleana* is a radially striate variation of the prior-named *C. caribaea*. McLean suggested that *C. swiftiana* C. B. Adams may also be a synonym of *C. caribaea*, and I would add that *C. kjoeriana* C. B. Adams (see Dall, 1886, Mus. Comp. Zool., Bull., vol. 12, No. 6, p. 316, pl. 1, figs. 6-6b; and Clench and Turner, 1950, Occas. Papers on Mollusks, vol. 1, No. 15, pp. 298-299, pl. 47, figs. 1-2) is likewise hardly distinguishable from the *C. caribaea-lavalleana* complex. *C. daphnis* Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, p. 256, pl. 20, fig. 10) from the Matura Pliocene of Trinidad is yet another closely allied species, though according to Maury the radial sculpture of *C. daphnis* is absent.

*Corbula* cf. *lavalleana* from La Salina also resembles the following species:

*C. contracta* Say (1822, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Jour., ser. 1, vol. 2, p. 312). Pliocene to Recent. Typically, the basal margin of *C. contracta* is contracted near the middle; this contraction is not present on *C. cf. lavalleana*.

*C. cala* Gardner (1936, State of Florida Dept. Conserv., Geol. Bull. No. 14, pp. 46-47, pl. 8, figs. 8-12). Middle Miocene Shoal River formation, Florida. This is differentiated from the Venezuelan examples of *C. cf. lavalleana* by the acute angle of the pallial line where it turns to join the posterior muscle scar.

*C. dominicensis* Gabb (see Pilsbry, 1921, Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Proc., vol. 73, p. 427, pl. 46, figs. 12-13). Middle Miocene



of the Dominican Republic. According to Gabb, *C. dominicensis* is a thin shell whereas the adults of *C. cf. lavalleana* from La Salina are robust. According to Pilsbry the number of ribs on the posterior half of the disk is nearly doubled by splitting. This does not occur on the Venezuelan specimens.

*C. urumacoensis* F. Hodson (1931, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 16, No. 59, pp. 25-26, pl. 12, figs. 1-7). Upper-middle Miocene, State of Falcon, Venezuela. The concentric sculpture is much finer than on the La Salina fossils.

*C. democraciana* F. Hodson (1931, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 16, No. 59, pp. 26-27, pl. 11, figs. 1-6). Upper-middle Miocene, State of Falcon, Venezuela. On the posterior slope of the left valve there is a small keel bordering a rather well-defined and moderately large escutcheon. The escutcheon of the adult La Salina shell is ill defined, and the concentric ribs on the disk are smaller than on *C. democraciana*.

*Range and distribution.*—*Corbula lavalleana* d'Orbigny is a Recent Caribbean species. The Recent *C. caribaea* d'Orbigny is reported from Florida to Brazil. The fossil *C. caribaea* is known from the Pliocene of Trinidad and from the Pliocene near Cumaná, Venezuela (U. S. National Museum Collection No. 18408).

***Corbula (Notocorbula) brucasensis*, new species**

Pl. 46, figs. 5, 6

The following description pertains to the left valve.

Shell small, the valves unequal, the left valve inferred to be inclosed by, and snugged into the larger and more tumid right valve. Left valve fairly thin, moderately inflated, subtrigonal in outline, subequilateral, with a vague subrounded posterior ridge. Dorsal margins sloping nearly equally, the anterodorsal margin hardly convex, the posterodorsal margin straight; anterior end rounded, posterior end somewhat obliquely subtruncate, the ventral margin horizontally truncated behind the middle, arcuate as it meets the anterior end. Beak low, subcentral, prosogyrate. Lunule and escutcheon not defined. Surface sculptured by narrow subregular concentric lirae and a few microscopic concentric striae in the interspaces, the lirae strongest at the middle of the valve. Under certain light the surface also seems to be traversed by occasional obsolescent radial

filaments which do not reach the umbo, but the disposition of the radials cannot be determined. Hinge with an upturned laminar chondrophore, in front of which, directly under the beak, is a subtriangular socket. Adductor scars faint, the anterior one obtusely subquadrate, the posterior obtusely subtriangular. Pallial line remote from the margin, running from the inner angle at the base of the anterior adductor scar, subparallel with the ventral margin to below the posterior adductor scar where, on its shallowly sigmoidal course to join the inner angle of the scar, it is embayed to form a short subrounded sinus.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (R667a), left valve, length 3 mm.; height 2.5 mm.

*Type locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Maiquetía member) at W-26, Quebrada Las Bruscas approximately 125 meters upstream from its junction with Quebrada Las Pailas. One young left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—This species is close to the following:

*C. krebsiana* C. B. Adams (see Dall, 1886, Mus. Comp. Zool. Bull., vol. 12, No. 6, pp. 314-315, pl. 1, figs. 4-4b). Recent, Florida to the Caribbean at depths of 3 to 85 fathoms. The concentric markings are less prominent and more numerous than the lirae on *C. bruscasensis*, n. sp.

*C. disparilis* d'Orbigny (1842, [in] La Sagra, Hist. phys., polit., et nat. l'Ile de Cuba, Atlas, pl. 27, figs. 1-4; text, vol. 2, p. 283, 1853. Spanish ed., vol. 5, Moluscos, p. 322, 1845). Authors consider *C. operculata* Philippi (1848, Zeitschr. f. Malakozool., yr. 5, p. 13) and *C. philippii* Smith (1885, Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, vol. 13, pp. 33-34, pl. 7, figs. 4-4b) to be synonymous. Pliocene to Recent, the Recent shell occurring at depths of 5 to 805 fathoms from North Carolina to northern South America. This is a sturdier and more strongly sculptured shell than *C. bruscasensis*, with a more sharply truncated posterior end on the left valve, and with a less sigmoidal pallial sinus than on the Venezuelan fossil.

*C. caloosae* Dall (1898, Wagner Free Inst. Sci., Trans., vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 853, pl. 36, fig. 16). Pliocene, Florida. The left valve is smoother, or with finer concentric growth lines than on *C. bruscasensis*, and the posterior ridge is sharper than on *C. bruscasensis*.

*C. zuliana* F. Hodson (1931, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 16, No.



59, pp. 22-23, pl. 10, figs. 1-3, 5). Upper Oligocene-lower Miocene, District of Miranda, State of Zulia, Venezuela. The posterior end of the left valve is more definitely truncated than on *C. bruscasensis*, but otherwise the left valves of both species are much alike.

***Corbula (Notocorbula) puntagordensis*, new species**      Pl. 57, figs. 15, 16

The following description is based on a single specimen which is a young left valve.

Left valve small, well inflated, solid, subequilateral, subquadrate in outline. Anterior submargin compressed, posterior slope moderately steep and slightly concave, the umbonal or posterior ridge broad and rounded. Anterodorsal margin with a slope of about 20 degrees, the posterodorsal margin with a slope of about 40 degrees, the latter somewhat the longer. Anterior end rounded, ventral margin shallowly arcuate, posterior end nearly vertically truncate. Umbo full and broad, the beak moderately high, a little forward of the middle, prosogyrate. The surface is sculptured by microscopic concentric growth wrinkles, the disk also marked by eight or nine irregularly spaced threadlike radial riblets, the riblets a little closer on the anterior half than on the posterior, all of them originating below the beak and extending to the basal margin. Hinge with a thick, somewhat projecting, and slightly upturned chondrophore which seems to be vaguely sulcate on top, and in front of the chondrophore is a triangular socket immediately under the beak. Adductor scars faint, the anterior subovate and slightly arcuate, the posterior seeming to be broadly and angulately oval. Pallial line regular, a little removed from, and parallel with the ventral margin, developing into a small sinus with a rounded apex before joining the posterior adductor scar. It is inferred that the left valve is inclosed by, and snugged into the right valve, of which there are no examples in the collection.

*Dimensions*.—Holotype (H551a), left valve, length 2.9 mm.; height 2.6 mm.; thickness 1.3 mm.

*Type locality*.—Mare formation at W-25, south flank of Punta Gorda anticline. One young left valve, the holotype.

*Comparisons*.—This species is similar to the form known variously as *C. disparilis* d'Orbigny, *C. operculata* Philippi, and *C.*

*philippii* Smith, but comparing the Punta Gorda fossil with Recent specimens of *C. disparilis* from Cuba and from off the east coast of Florida, it is seen that the left valve of *C. disparilis* is slightly less obese and somewhat more elongate, that it has a wider and shallower pallial sinus, that its anterodorsal margin is a little concave, and that often there are as many as 11 radial riblets (although the type of *C. philippii* from off Bermuda has 8). Left valves of *C. vieta* Guppy, described by Guppy (1886, Geol. Soc. London Quart. Jour., vol. 22, pp. 582-583, pl. 26, fig. 6) as *Erycina tensa*, from the lower Miocene Manzanilla formation of Trinidad are more compressed than *C. puntagordensis*, n. sp., bear a few more radiating riblets, and have a more pointed umbo. The left valve of *C. heterogena* Dall (see Woodring, 1925, Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. No. 366, pp. 187-188, pl. 26, figs. 3-4) from the middle Miocene of Jamaica and the Panamá Canal Zone has a more laminar and more recurved chondrophore than *C. puntagordensis*, and the radial riblets are more numerous. The left valve of *C. isla-trinitatis* Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 253-254, pl. 19, figs. 10) from the upper Miocene Springvale formation of Trinidad has a sharper umbonal ridge, fewer radial riblets, and a narrower umbonal area than *C. puntagordensis*. The present form differs from *C. bruscasensis*, n. sp. in having a thicker shell, stronger hinge, simpler pallial sinus, less pronounced concentric lirae, and a suboblong rather than subtrigonal outline.

*Remarks.*—Authors differ in the identification, priority, and synonymy of the Recent Western Atlantic species known variously as *Corbula* (*Varicorbula*) *disparilis* d'Orbigny, *C. operculata* Philippi, and *C. philippii* Smith. *C. disparilis* was first named and illustrated by D'Orbigny in 1842 in the Atlas of La Sagra's "Histoire physique, politique et naturelle de l'Ile de Cuba" on plate 27, figures 1-4. It was later described in the Spanish edition of the text on page 322, 1845, and in the French edition of the text in volume 2, p. 283, 1853. As pointed out by Olsson and Harbison (1953, p. 148), "Recent Florida shells commonly identified as *C. disparilis* d'Orbigny, do not agree well with the original description and figures of that species, which indicate a form with nearly equal valves and high prominent umbones and beaks," and it is true that the original figures do not indicate the highly discrepant valves of a notocorbulid. In 1848,



Philippi (Zeitschr. f. Malakozool., yr. 5, p. 13) described, but did not illustrate his *C. operculata*. In 1885, E. A. Smith (Voyage H.M.S. Challenger, Zoology, vol. 13, pp. 33-34, pl. 7, figs. 4-4b) described and figured admirably his *C. philippii*, and remarked that "In the inequality of the valves it resembles *Corbula operculata* Philippi, from St. Thomas Island, but differs from that species in size, form, the absence of the double keel in the right valve, and in the different sculpture of the left." In 1886, Dall (Mus. Comp. Zool., Bull., vol. 12, No. 6, pp. 314-315, pl. 1, figs. 4-4b) synonymized both *C. operculata* Philippi and *C. philippii* Smith, stating his reasons thusly:

"Those who consult d'Orbigny's figures will observe that they differ from the shell figured by my friend Smith in representing the valves as nearly equal, and also in the absence of epidermal radiations on the smaller valves and the carina on the larger one. But I infer from d'Orbigny's remarks, that he had only separated valves, and probably those which had lost their epidermis; and it is probable that the artist represented two valves together which did not belong together. The carina is a variable feature in this species, as in *C. nucleus*. At all events, the specimens I have are certainly the same as *C. philippii* Smith, and I believe them to be the species described by d'Orbigny. The species extends northward to Cape Hatteras, and the smaller valve is frequently of a pink color or pinkish brown. It reaches a length of 8.0 mm. and is variable in its proportions and sculpture. I have no doubt that it is the *operculata* of Philippi, but the *C. Krebsiana* of C. B. Adams is a different and more delicate species."

Despite Dall's atypical illustrations, no less an authority than Lamy (1941, Jour. Conchyl., vol. 84, No. 3, pp. 218-219) subscribed to Dall's opinion, although later conchologists, among them Abbott (1954, pp. 456-457), would refer to the species in question as [*Noto-corbula*] *operculata* (Philippi).

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**Martesia striata** (Linnaeus)

Pl. 58, figs. 1-3

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1849. *Pholas teredinaeformis* Sowerby, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 2, pt. 10, p. 490, pl. 108, figs. 97-98.
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*Dimensions*.—Specimen B505a, length 24 mm.; height 11.6 mm.; thickness 6 mm.

*Locality*.—Recent, on beach southeast of Higuerote, State of Miranda. One left valve.

*Remarks*.—The references to and synonymy of this ubiquitous species as given in this work are by no means complete. Full information on this and other pholads are to be found in the classic by Turner (1954-1955) in *Johnsonia*, volume 3. Voluminous references to *Martesia striata* and to other species considered as synonyms of *Martesia striata* by Turner, are given by Lamy (1925) in the *Journal de Conchyliologie*.

*Range and distribution*.—The Recent *Martesia striata* (Linnaeus), a wood borer, is a subtemperate to tropical species inhabiting the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. Among late Cenozoic occurrences, the fossil is reported from Japan, and from the Pliocene of Costa Rica and Trinidad in the Americas.



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Pl. 59, figs. 1-2

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Shell thin, moderately inflated, somewhat distorted, transversely suboval to subquadrate in outline, inequilateral, slightly inequivalve ( the right valve a little shorter but a little higher than the left), the valves when closed with a gape at the posterior end. On the suboval form the anterodorsal margin is short, the anterior end is obliquely subtruncate, the ventral margin of the right valve is shallowly arcuate but on the left valve obliquely truncated in front, the posterior end is subangularly rounded, and the posterodorsal margin is long, gently sloping, and hardly concave. The beak on the suboval form is situated well toward the anterior end. On the subquadrate form the anterodorsal margin is flared upward a little, the anterior end is ragged and subtruncate, the ventral margin is rounded in front and obliquely truncated behind, the posterior end is nearly vertically truncated, and the posterodorsal margin is hardly concave. The beak on the subquadrate form is low, and situated somewhat in advance of the middle. Posterior area fairly broad, slightly sulcate, defined from the disk by a low ridge descending from the umbo to the posterior corner of the ventral margin, the dorsal edge of the posterior area faintly ridged against the ill-defined, slightly depressed, narrow escutcheonal area. Interior nacreous.



Hinge with a small but greatly thickened oval chondrophore, the face of which is more or less concave. An internal ridge diverges from under the hinge a short distance toward the posterior end. Adductor scars shiny, the anterior elongated and narrowly lenticular, the posterior broader and subpyriform. Pallial line moderately remote from the margin. Pallial sinus broad, asymmetrically embayed to a distance of about one-third the length of the valve from the posterior end, the lower limb of the sinus swinging back to join the pallial line with which it forms a narrow, recumbent, U-shaped indentation with a more or less rounded apex. Body cavity with faint concentric undulations reflected through from the exterior, and studded with small scattered nodules. The external sculpture consists of low irregular concentric undulations, and over the whole of the surface there are crowded minute granulations. The color of the Recent shell is white within and dull white on the exterior. The periostracum is brown.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen A558a 1-2, paired; right valve of pair (A558a-1), length 13.3 mm.; height 8.4 mm.; left valve of pair (A558a-2), length 13.9 mm.; height 8.1 mm.; thickness of pair 5.5 mm. Specimen A534a (subquadrate form), length 14.3 mm.; height 15.1 mm.; thickness 2.5 mm. Fossil specimen (I509a), fragment of right valve, height of fragment 9 mm.

*Localities*.—Recent, on beach at Playa Grande Yachting Club, Distrito Federal. Two specimens, one collected as an attached pair, the other a laterally foreshortened right valve. Lower Mare formation at W-13, on hillside above west bank of Quebrada Mare Abajo. One fragment of a right valve.

*Range and distribution*.—The living *P. inaequalis* (= *P. margaritacca*) ranges from the Antilles to Brazil. If there is a previous record of its occurrence as a fossil, it has escaped my notice.

## THRACIIDAE

*Cyathodonta* cf. *tristani* Olsson

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The Cabo Blanco form referred to this species is described from three imperfect molds of paired valves. Shell thin, large, suboval, inequilateral, inequivalve, the right valve larger and more convex than the left, the beak of the right valve rising above and curved over the beak of the left valve. The left valve of our largest specimen (M462a) is broadly and shallowly depressed medially but this is probably due to crushing as the other two specimens, though not so complete, do not display this character. Anterodorsal margin long, nearly straight, and gently sloping, anterior end broadly rounded, ventral margin shallowly arcuate, posterior end obliquely truncate, posterodorsal margin somewhat concave. Posterior submargin depressed, the submargin broader on the left valve than on the right, the depression, or rostration bounded by the umbonal ridge of the disk. On the right valve there is a narrow sulcus in front of the umbonal ridge, but this is not present on the left valve. Beaks low and flattened, situated slightly behind the middle. Sculpture consisting of moderately large subregular concentric lirae or undulations which are about as wide as their intervals, the lirae on the two smaller specimens forming a slight angulation along a line at about the anterior third of the disk; the lirae extend over the whole of the disk from the beak to the ventral margin but cease at the umbonal ridge of both valves and are obsolescent in the sulcus fronting the umbonal ridge on the right valve. It is surmised that on the surface of the shell proper the undulations are somewhat tangential to the concentric growth lines, and that there are also minute lineolate granules, but as the concentric undulations on the molds are impressed from the inner surface of the valves the external ornamentation cannot be seen on the specimens at hand. The hinge characters are not known.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen M462a, an internal mold of an attached pair with the beaks and posterior end broken away, length 62 mm.; height 50 mm.; thickness of pair 24 mm. Specimen L460a, an internal mold of an attached pair with the base missing, length 34 mm.; thickness of pair 10 mm.

*Localities*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15,



south side of Playa Grande road 40 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Two incomplete doublets. Playa Grande formation (Catia member), south side of Playa Grande road about 220 meters west of W-15. One incomplete doublet.

*Remarks.*—Considering normal variability, the poor preservation, and the distortion of all specimens (including the type), the Cabo Blanco shell seems to agree with *C. tristani* except perhaps in not being quite as long relative to height. Rutsch has shown that Maury's *C. meridionalis* from the upper Miocene of Trinidad is the same as *C. tristani* from Costa Rica and has further suggested that Olsson's *C. tristani* may eventually prove, with better material for comparison, to be identical with *C. gatunensis* (Toula) (1909, K.-k. Geol. Reichsanst. Jahrb., vol. 58, p. 757, text fig. 15) from the middle Miocene of the Panama Canal Zone. The Recent west American analogue of *C. tristani* is *C. undulata* Conrad (see Keen, 1958, Sea Shells of Tropical West America, p. 232, fig. 595), but that has a nearly vertically truncated posterior end compared with the oblique truncation of the Cabo Blanco shell.

*Range and distribution.*—*C. tristani* Olsson occurs in the middle Miocene of Costa Rica and of Venezuela (Paraguaná Peninsula), and in the upper Miocene Springvale formation of Trinidad.

#### PHOLADOMYIDAE

##### *Pholadomya* cf. *candida* Sowerby

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Shell large, thin, subnacreous, elongated and somewhat obliquely suboval, moderately inflated. Anterior end short, hardly rounded, the valves seemingly with a narrowly lanceolate gape in front of the beak; ventral margin shallowly arcuate; posterior end a little broader than the anterior, somewhat alated, and gaping; posterodorsal margin long and moderately concave. Umbonal area full, the beaks situated just behind the anterior end, and appressed on top. The sculpture consists of a dozen or so radial ribs crossed by more numerous and fairly regular low concentric lirae which produce crenations at the intersections with the radials. The radial ribs are subequal to unequal on the lower half of the valve (where they enlarge gradually toward the base) but are regular and equal in size on the umbonal area. The radial ribs are absent on the anterior fifth of the valve, are strongest on the middle of the disk, and become obsolescent on the posterior slope. The concentric lirae are pronounced on the umbo, where, together with the radial riblets they form a decussated pattern but are fainter toward the base. The interior is inaccessible.

*Dimensions*.—Specimen M357a, paired valves, length 104 mm.; height (beak to base along anteriormost radial) 72 mm.; thickness of pair 61 mm.

*Locality*.—Playa Grande formation (Catia member) at W-15, south side of Playa Grande road, 45 meters southeast of its intersection with the Playa Grande Yachting Club road. Two specimens, both of them doublets with a filling of calcareous sandstone.

*Remarks*.—So far as can be determined with the imperfectly preserved specimens, the Cabo Blanco fossil seems to be the same as the Recent Caribbean *P. candida* Sowerby. There are only a few specimens of any of the late Cenozoic species of *Pholadomya* from



tropical America, and none of them is perfect. Furthermore, the illustrations of *P. candida* by authors suggest that there is considerable variation in details of sculpture, so that all of the known fossil species are similar to one variant or another of the Recent *P. candida*. Therefore, the Cabo Blanco fossil also resembles the following later Tertiary species of *Pholadomya* of the southern Caribbean area:

*P. walli* Maury (1925, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 10, No. 42, pp. 332-333, pl. 31, figs. 8, 11). Earlier Miocene (Machapoorie) of Trinidad.

*P. sawkinsi* Maury (1925, pp. 333-334, pl. 31, fig. 10). Earlier Miocene (Machapoorie) of Trinidad.

*P. falconensis* F. and H. Hodson (1927, Bull. Amer. Paleont., vol. 13, No. 49, p. 44, pl. 26, fig. 6; pl. 27, figs. 1-2). Miocene, State of Falcon, Venezuela.

*P. walli* Maury is an exceedingly ventricose shell, but otherwise, to judge from the incomplete specimen, it is much like *P. candida* Sowerby. *P. sawkinsi* Maury is a smaller shell, but as noted by Maury herself, is close to the typical *P. candida*, and if not the same species as that, may be a precursor. *P. falconensis* F. and H. Hodson is relatively broader than *P. candida* and bears more numerous radial riblets than the typical *P. candida*. Vokes (1938, Amer. Mus. Novitates, No. 988, pp. 17-18) reported *Pholadomya* species from the upper Miocene Springvale formation of Trinidad which has the general outline of *P. sawkinsi* Maury but sculptural details that closely approximate those of *P. falconensis* F. and H. Hodson.

*Range and distribution.*—The Recent *P. candida* Sowerby is a Caribbean species. As a fossil it occurs in the Pleistocene of Aruba.

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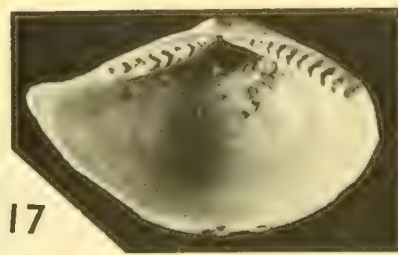
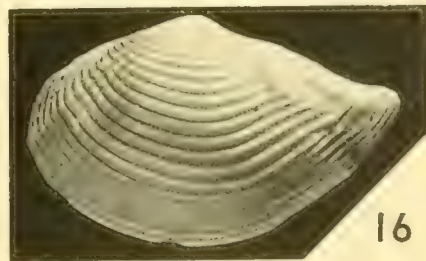
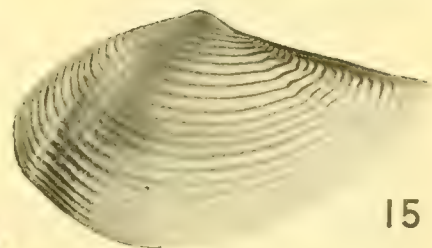
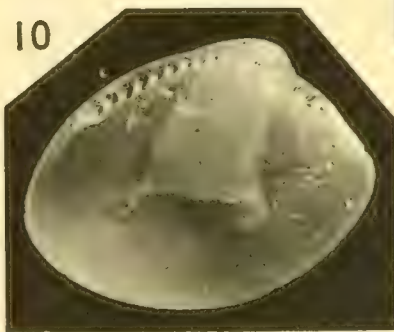
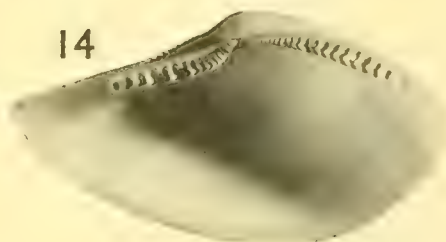
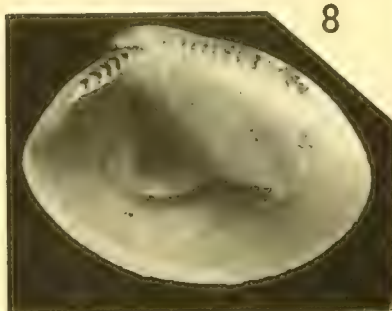
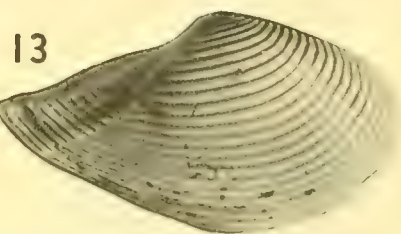
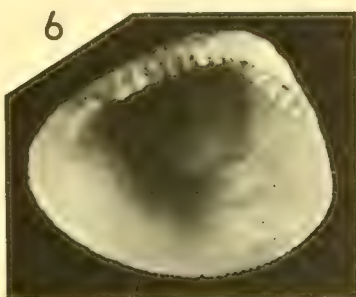
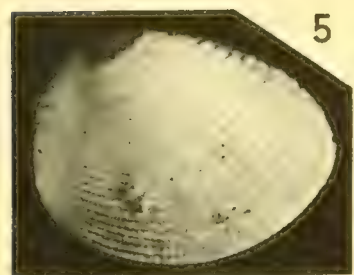
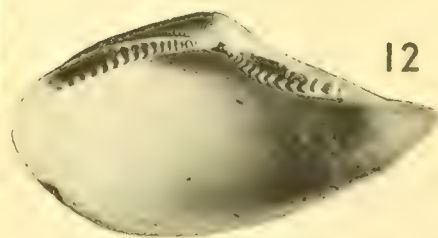
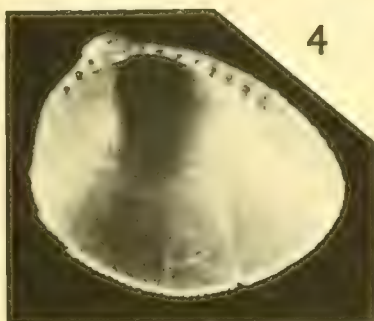
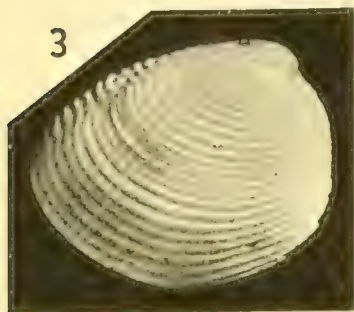


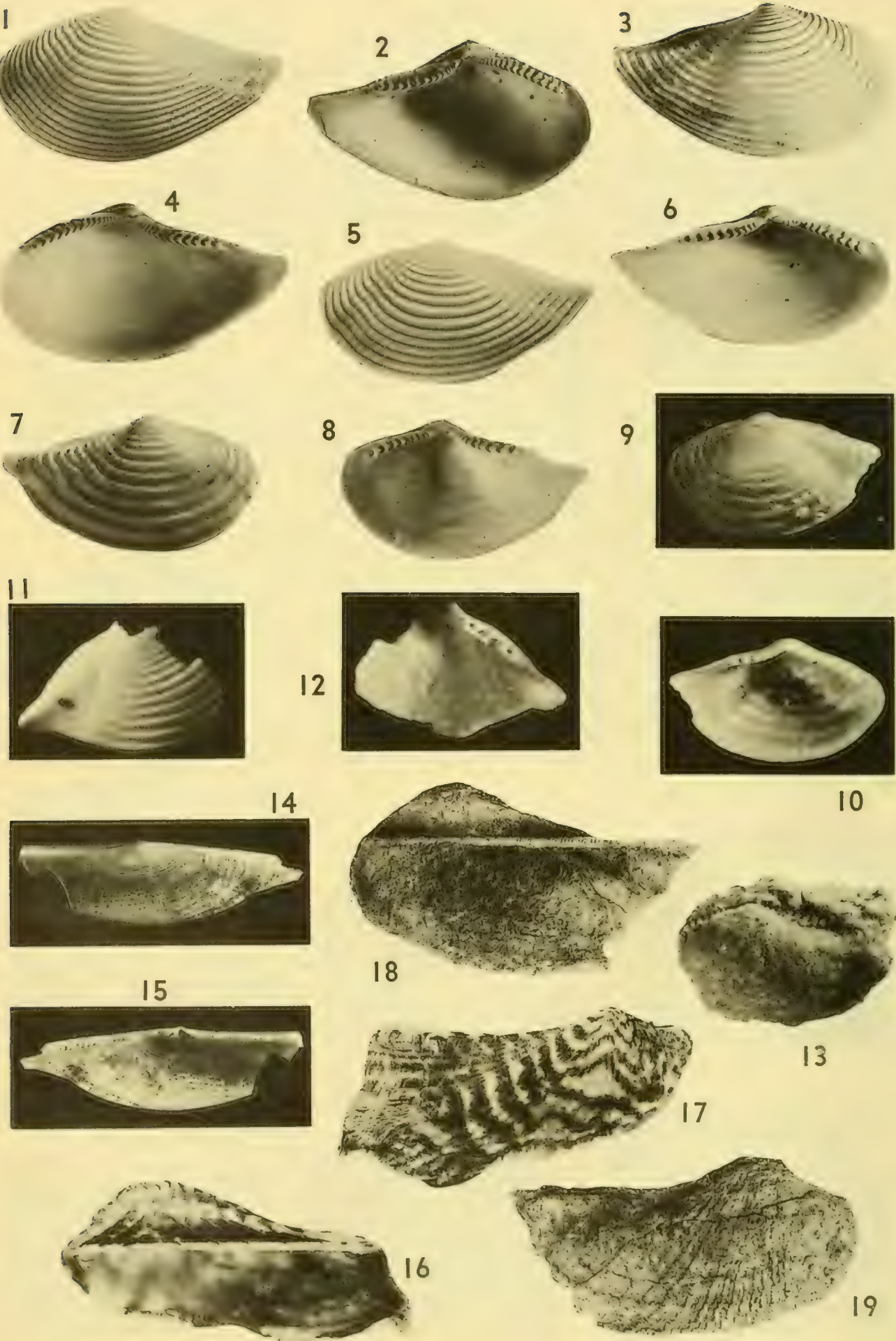
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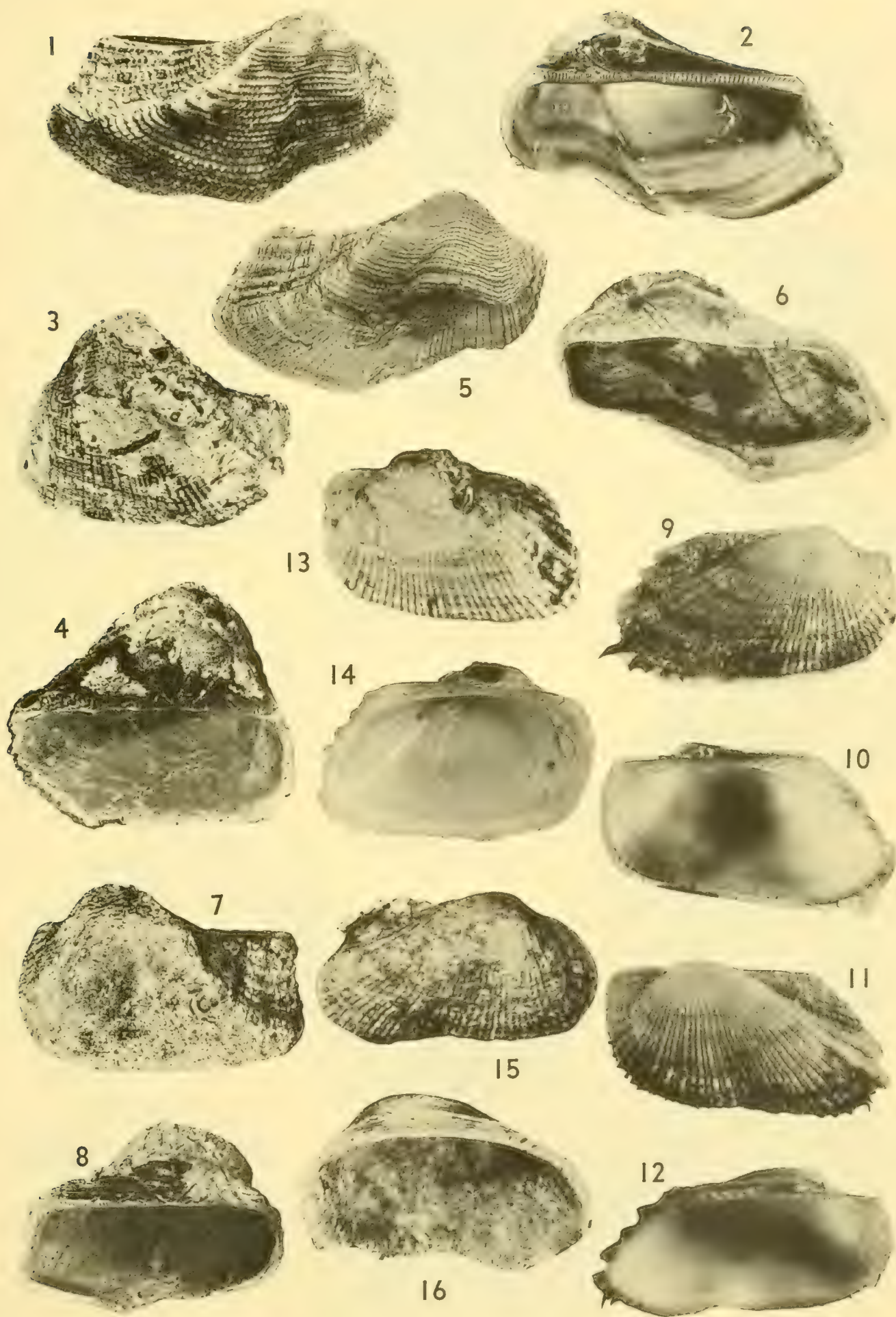


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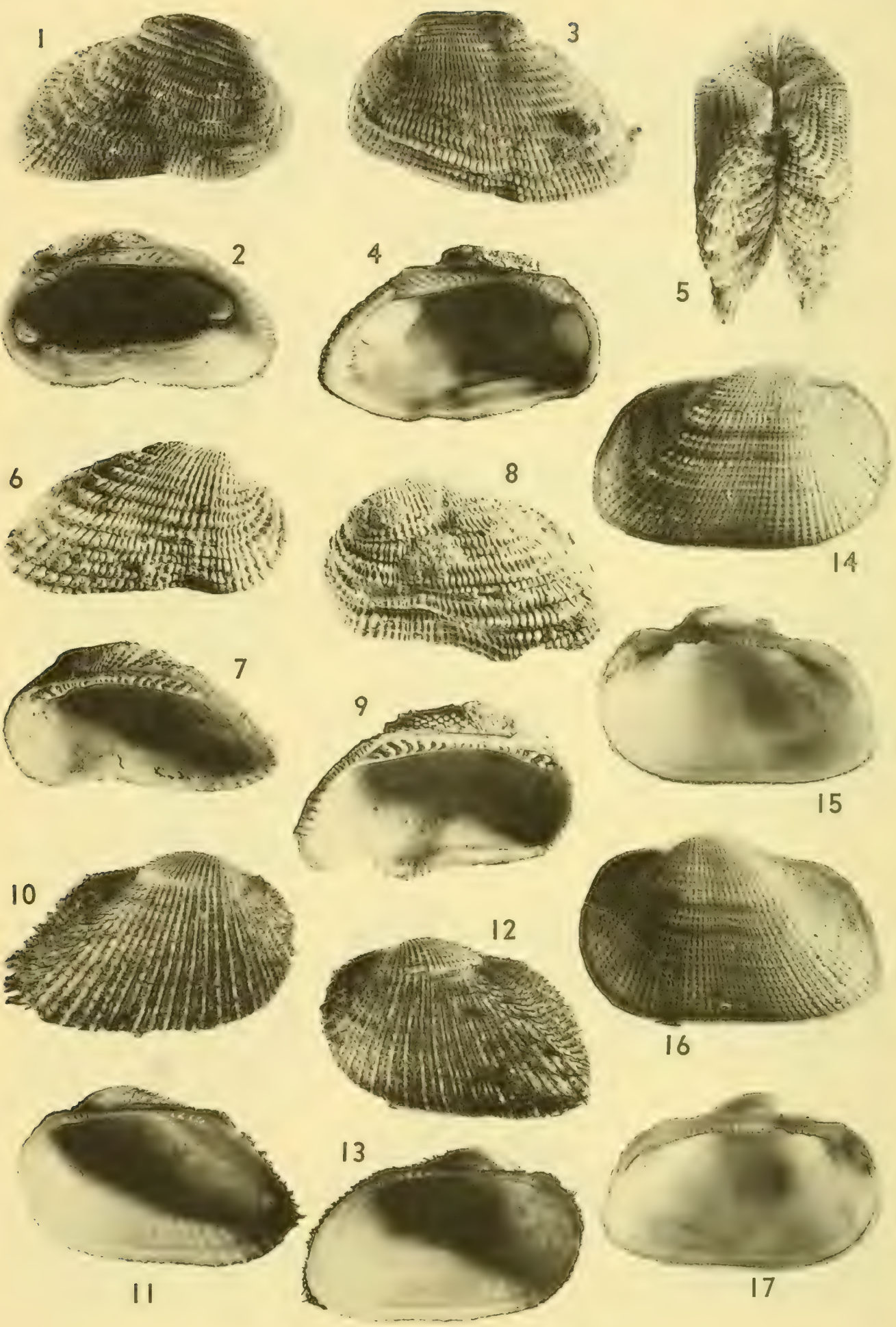
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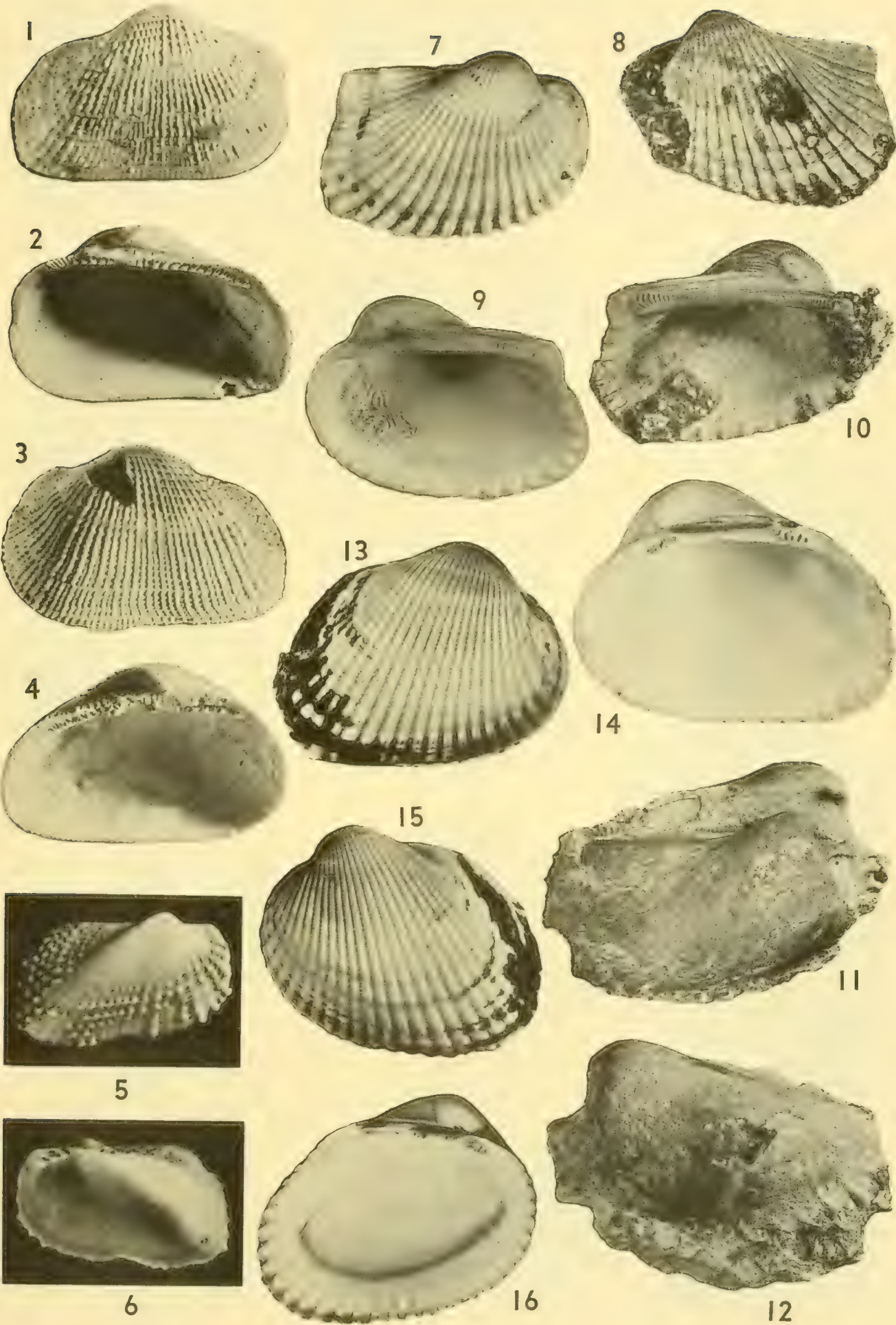


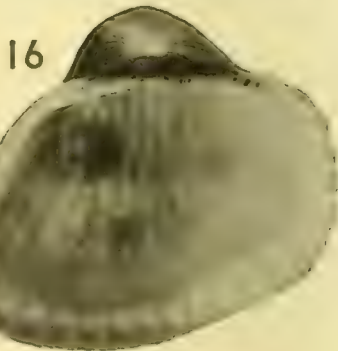
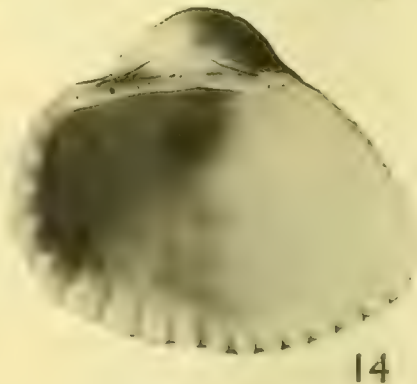
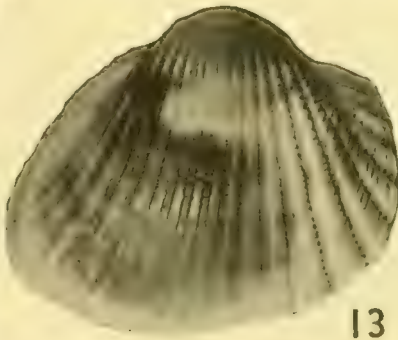
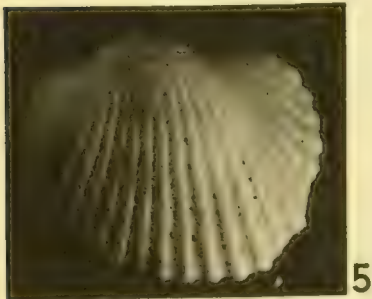
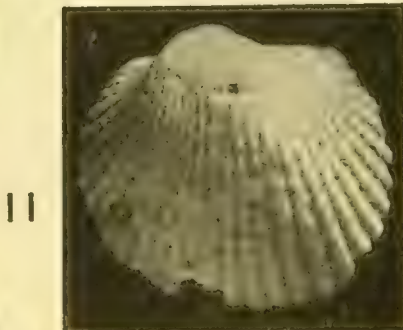
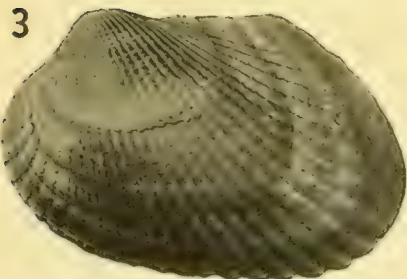
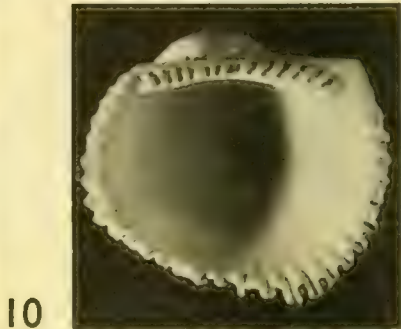
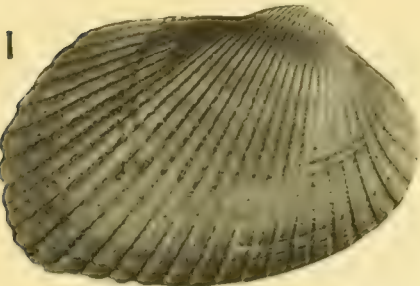
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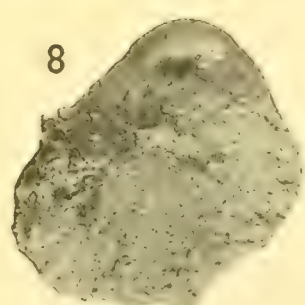
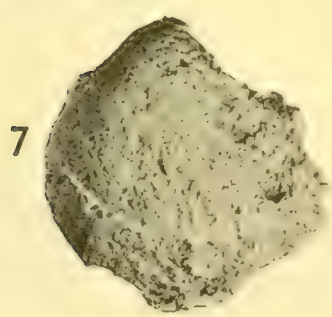
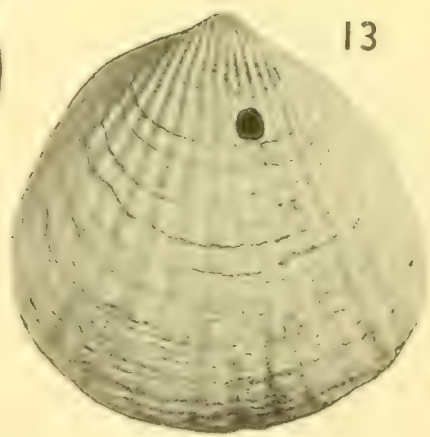
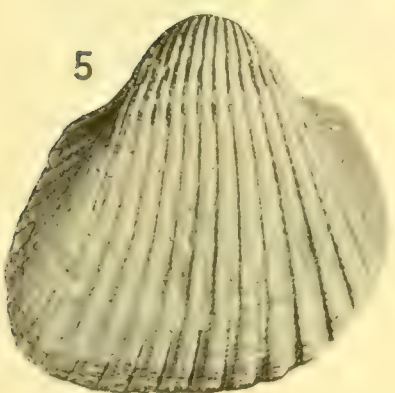
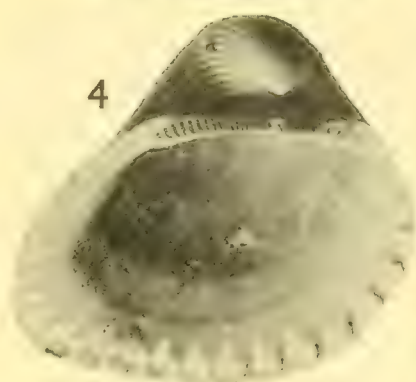
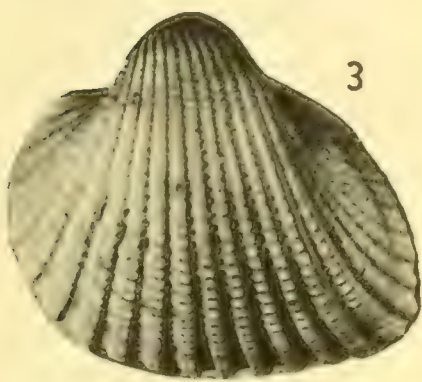
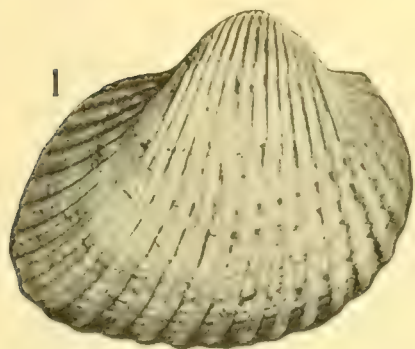


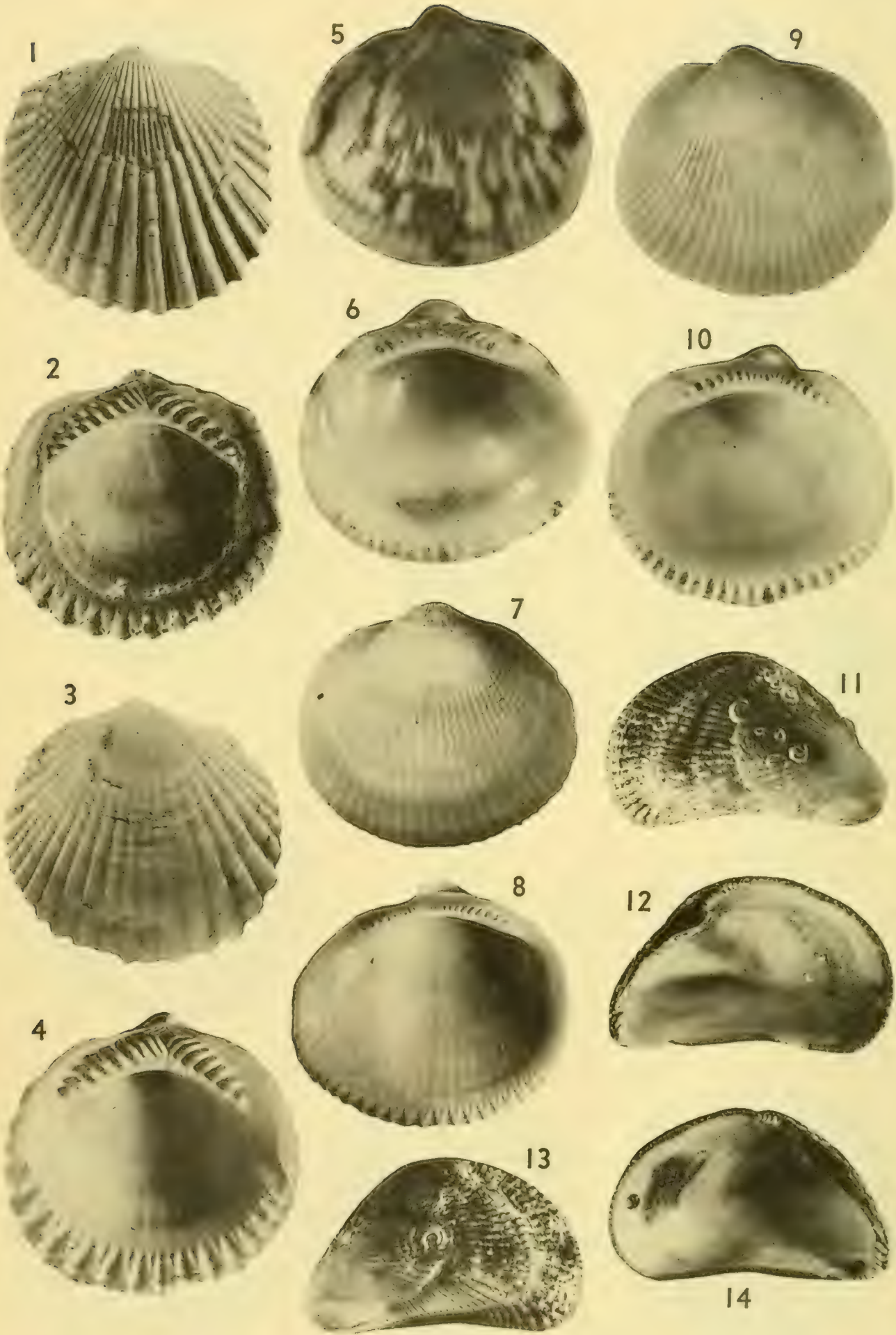
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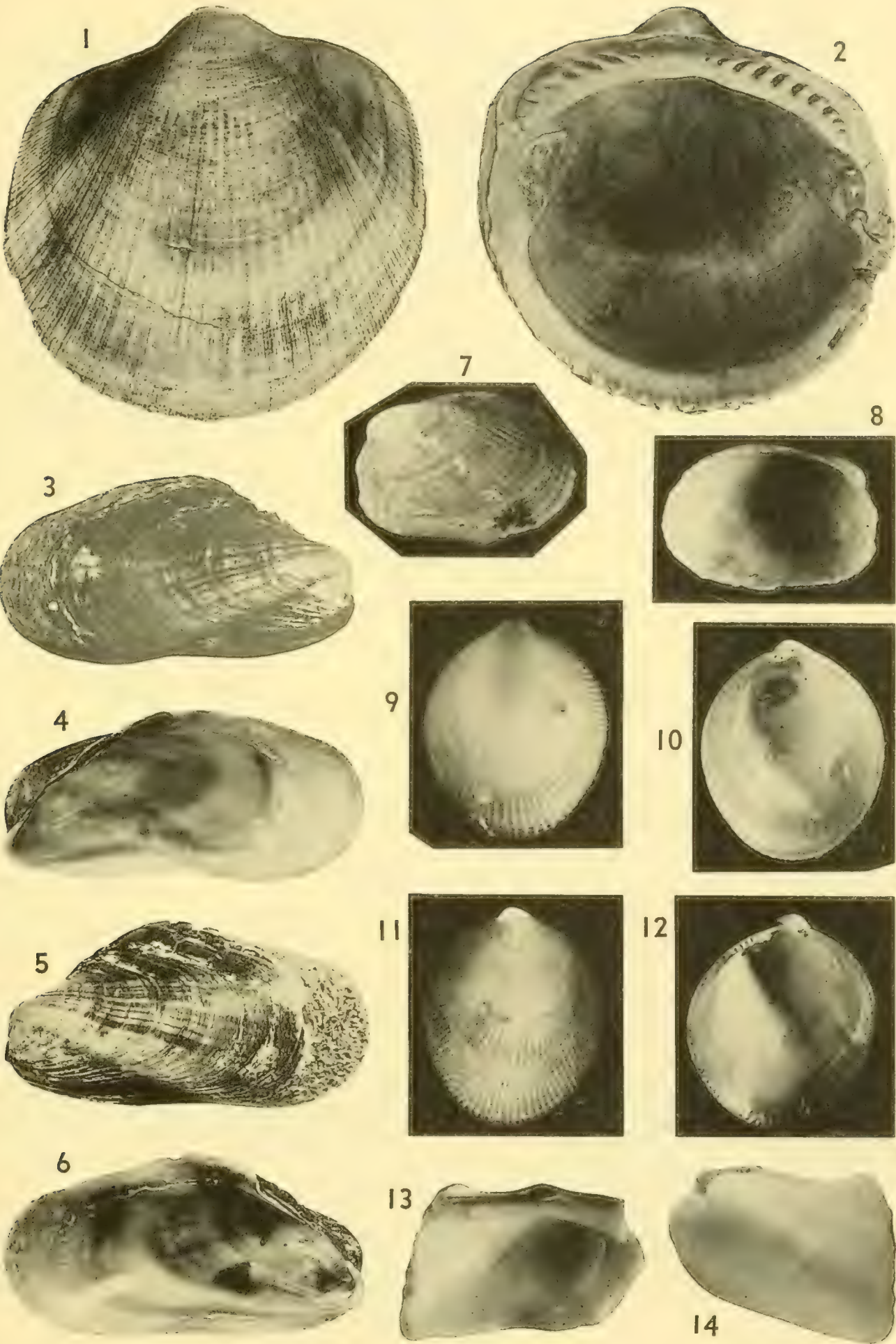




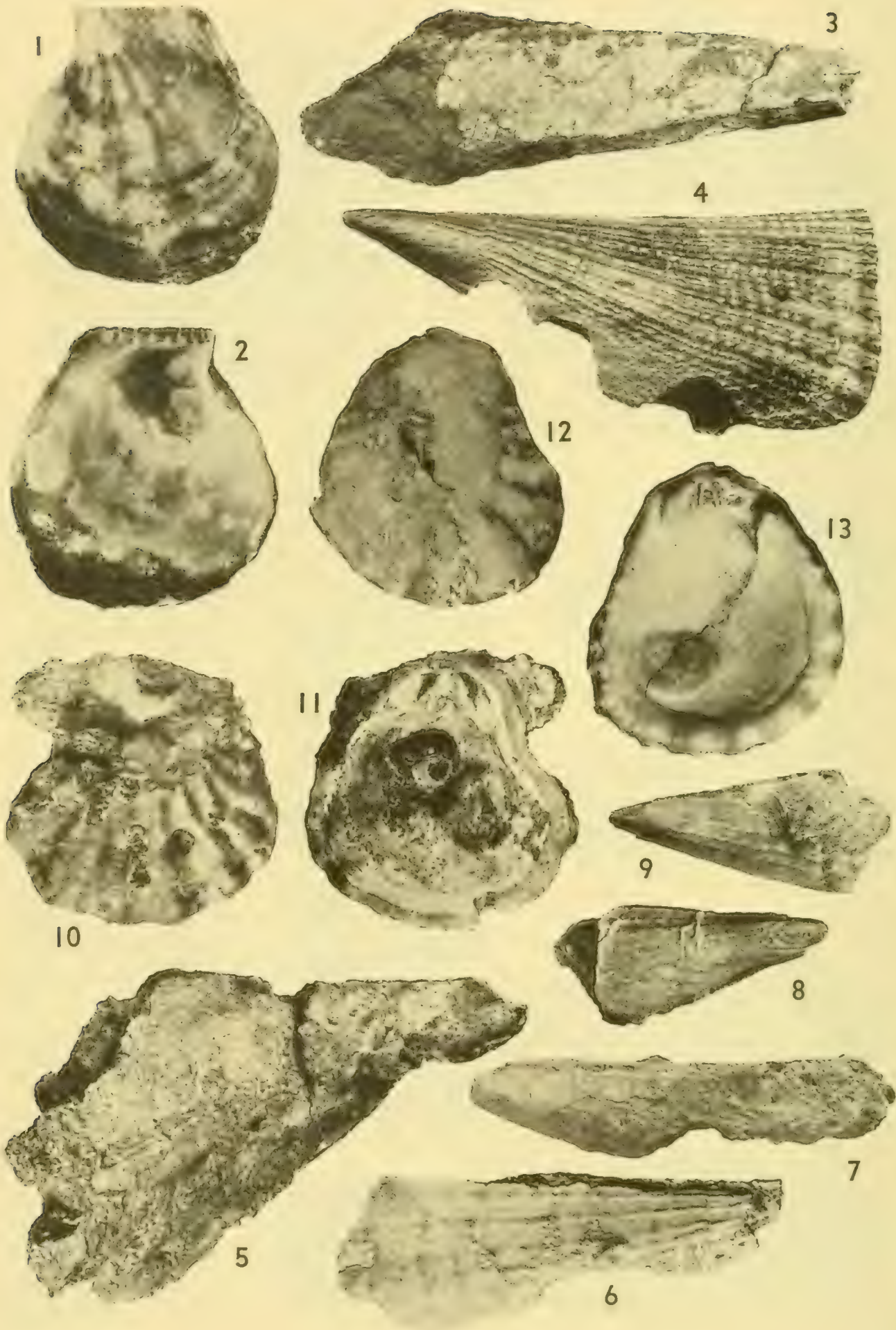
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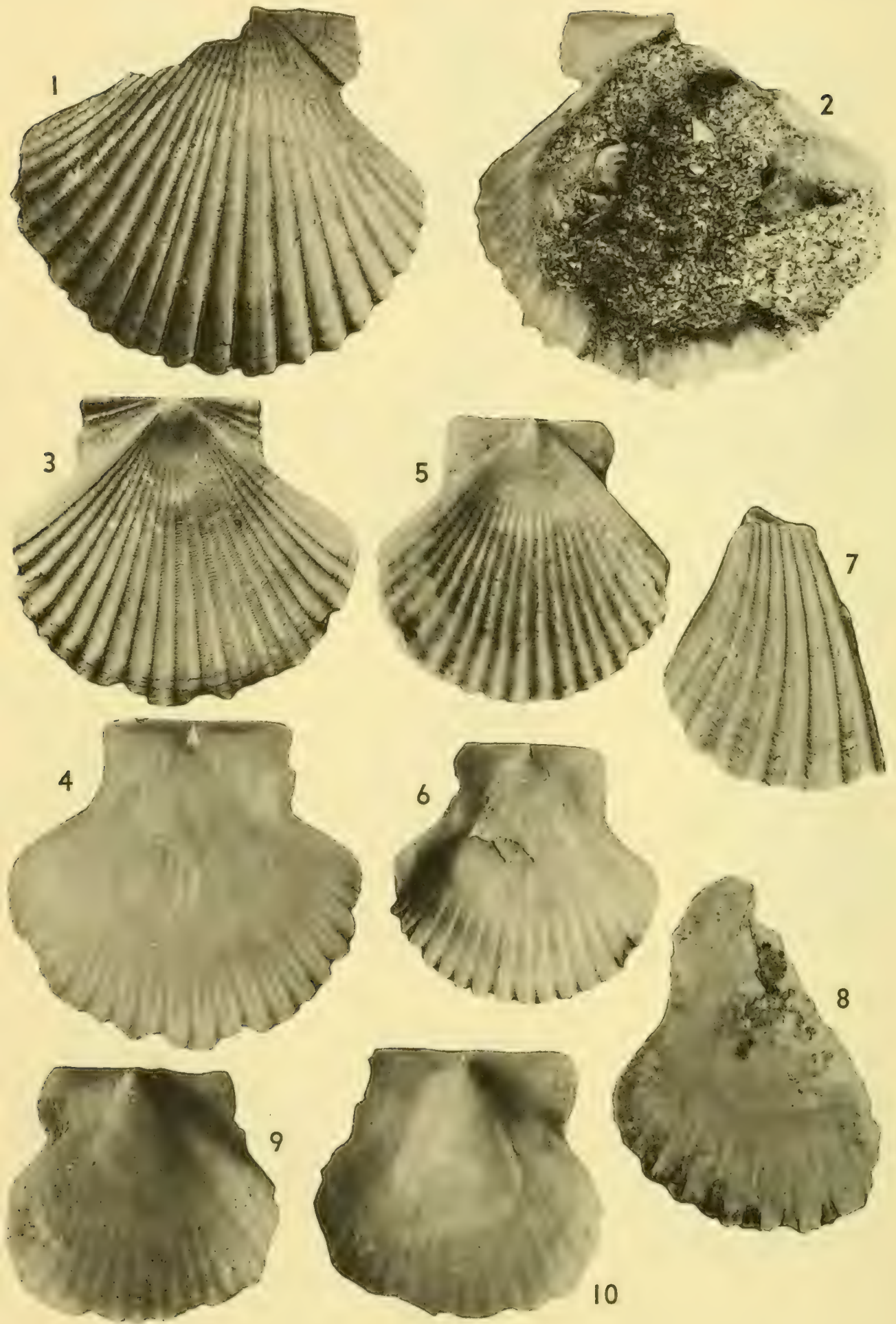


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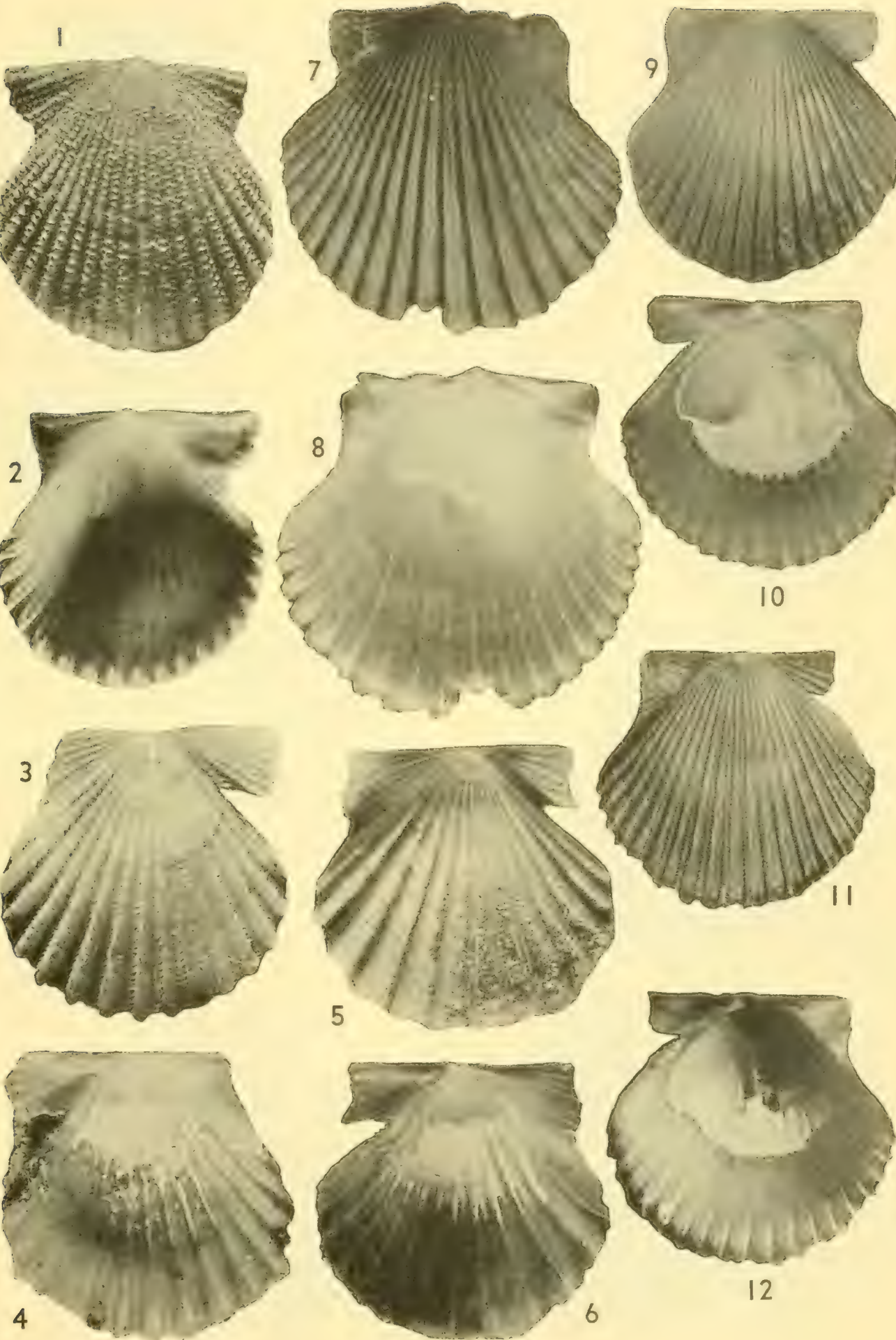


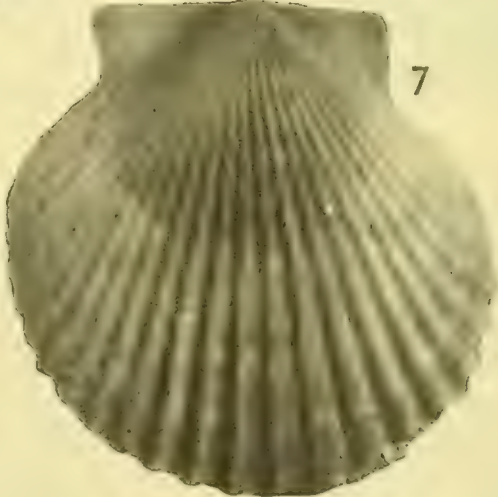
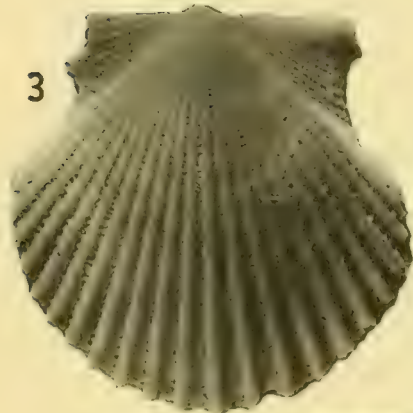
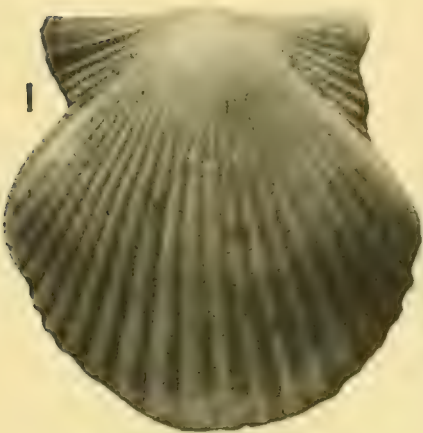


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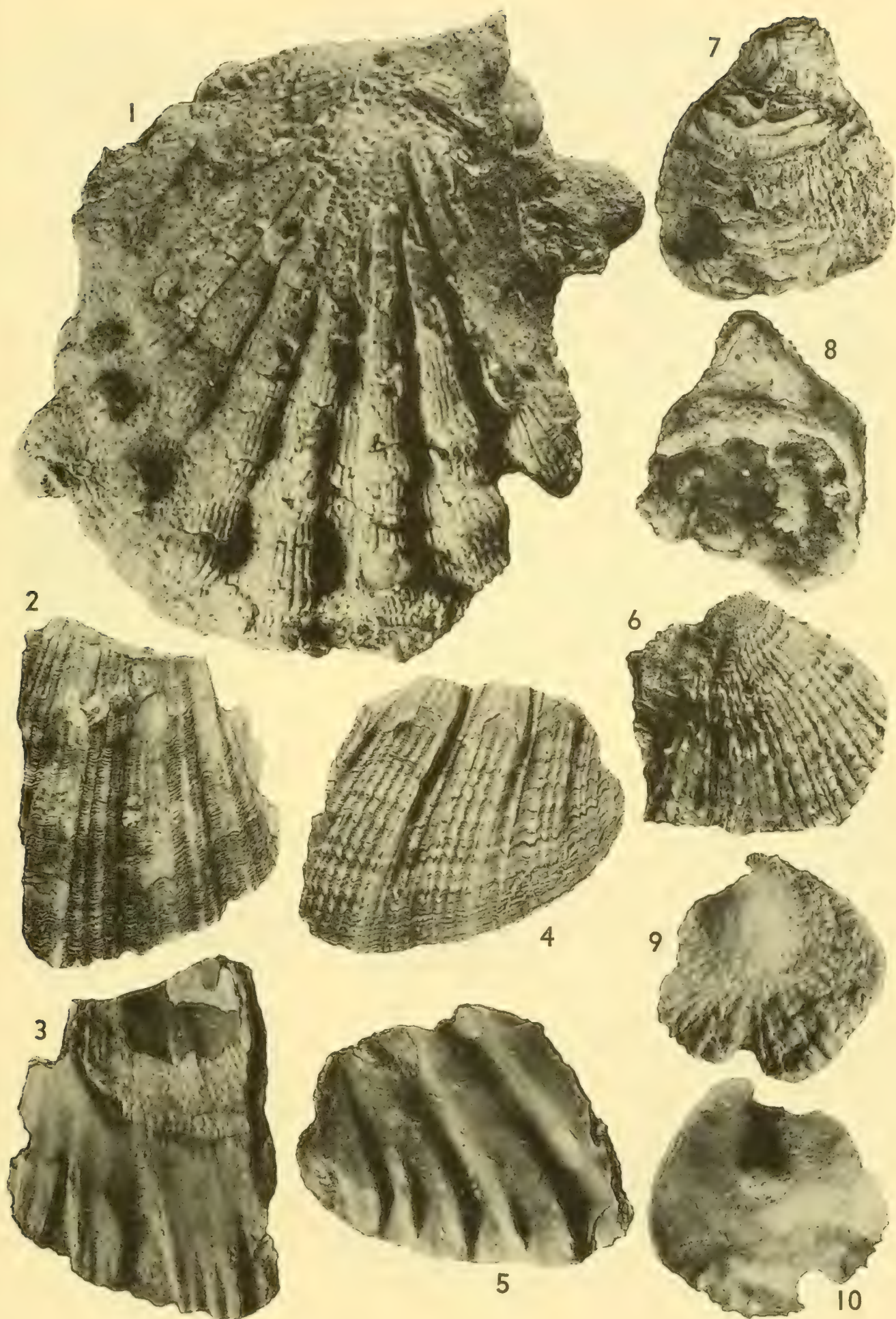




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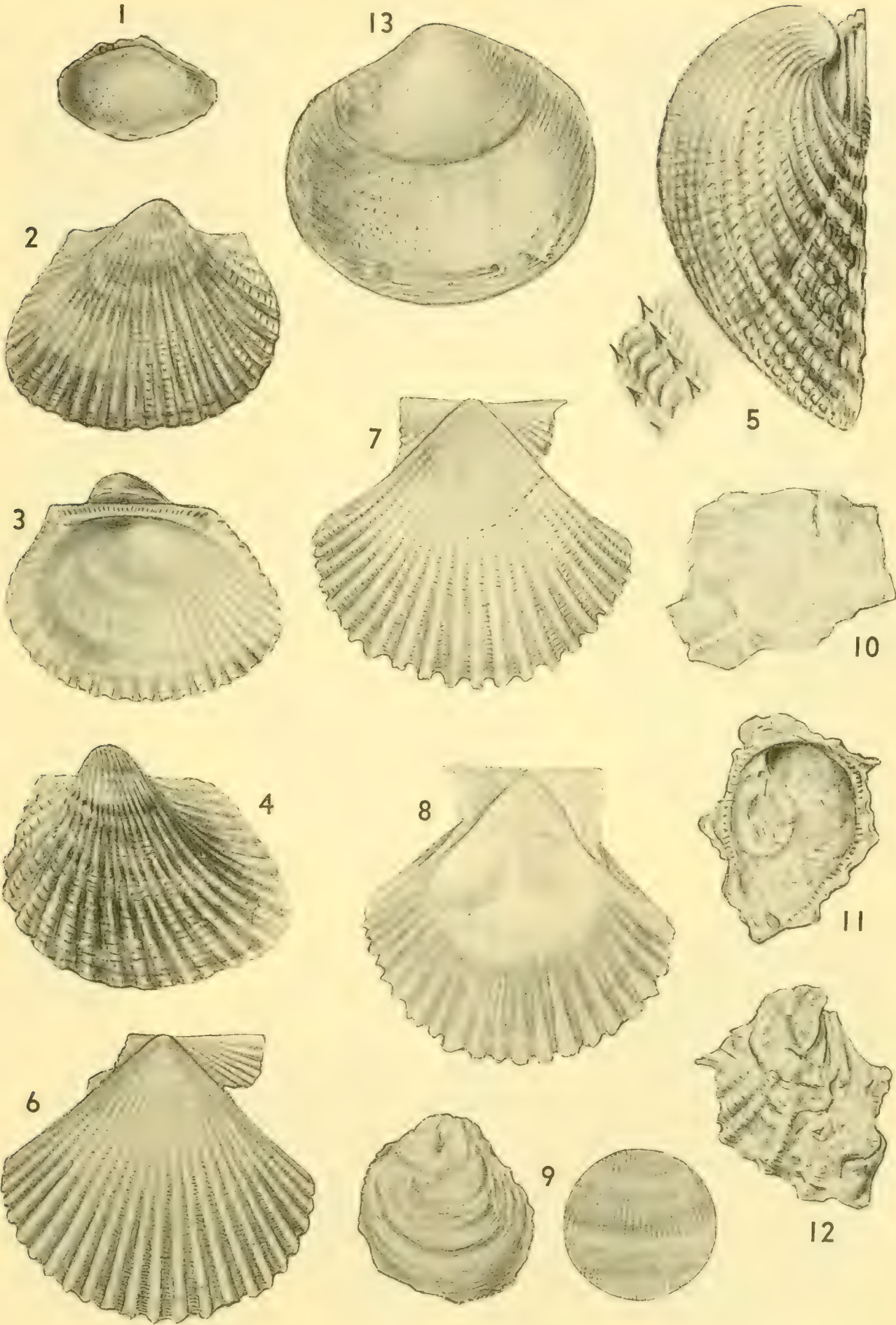




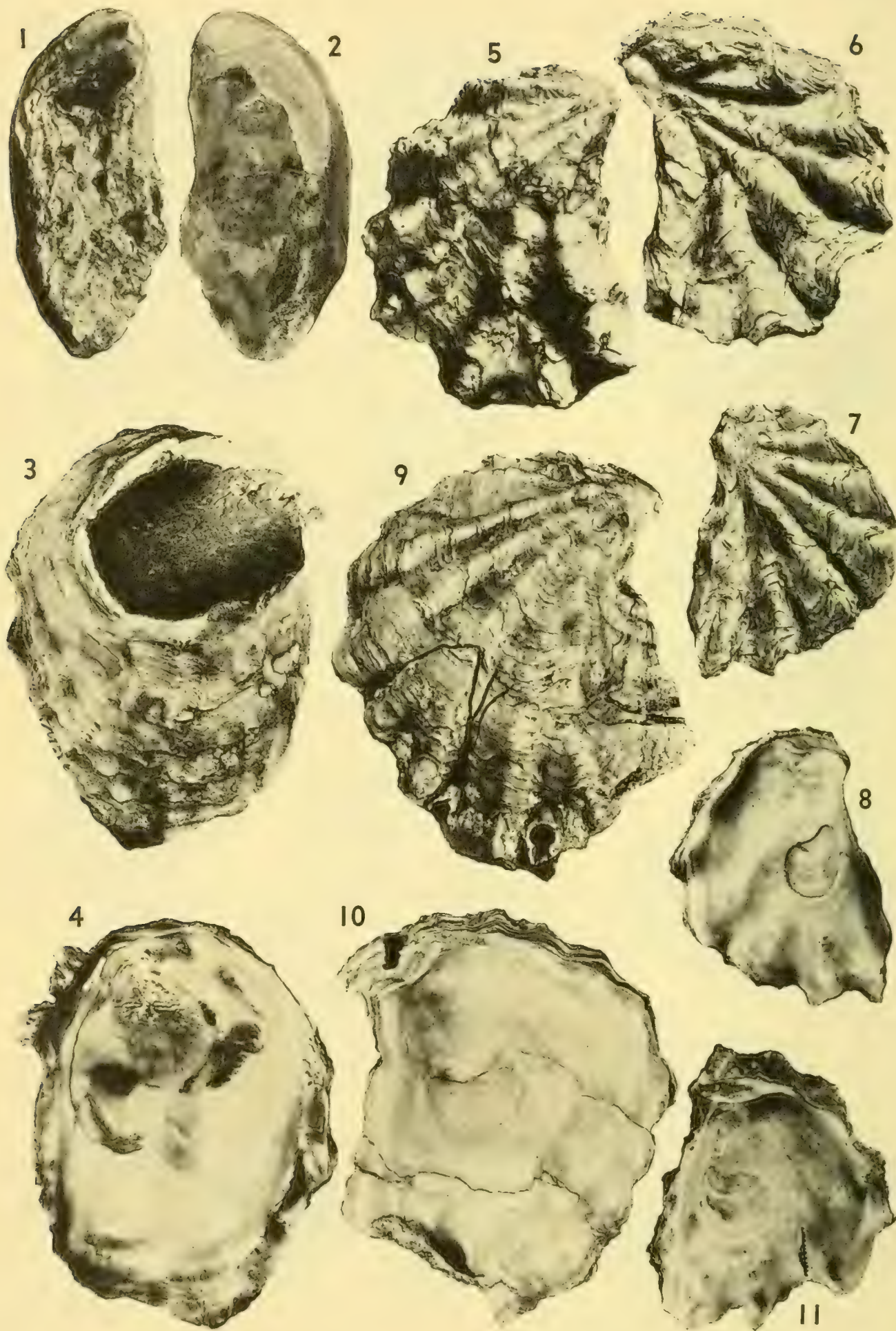
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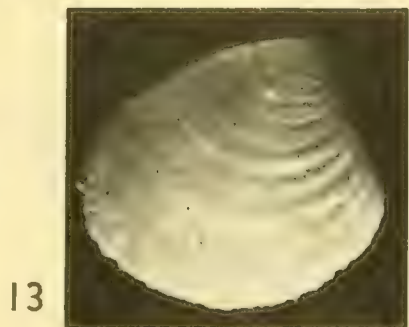
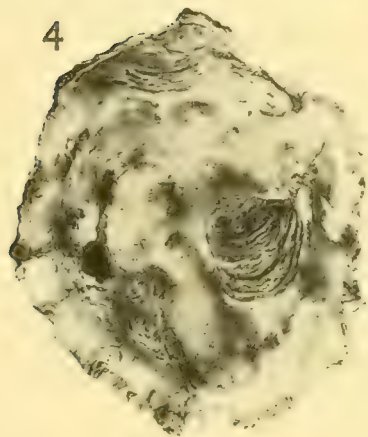
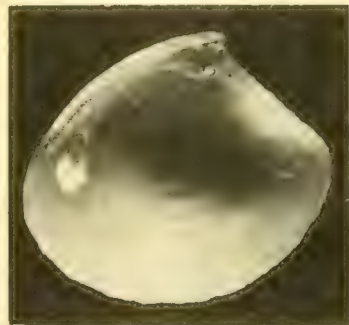
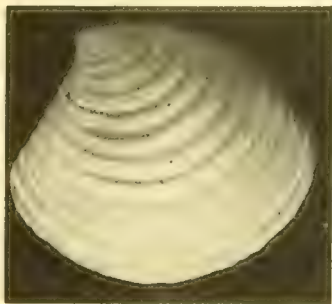
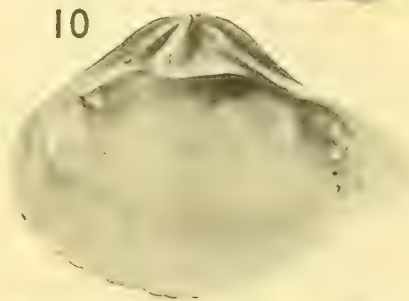
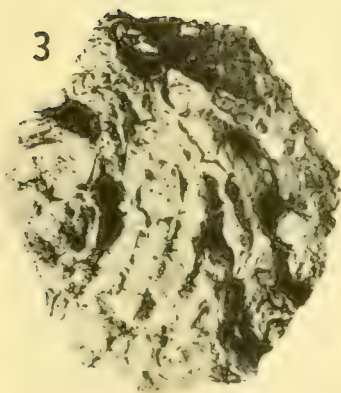
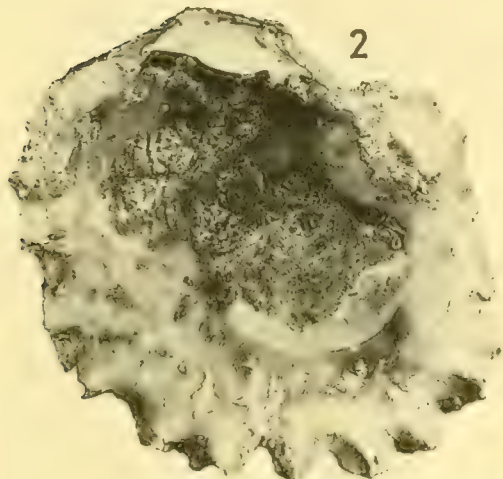
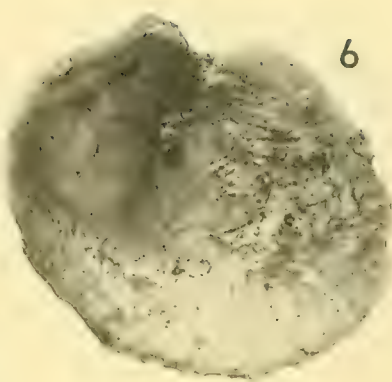
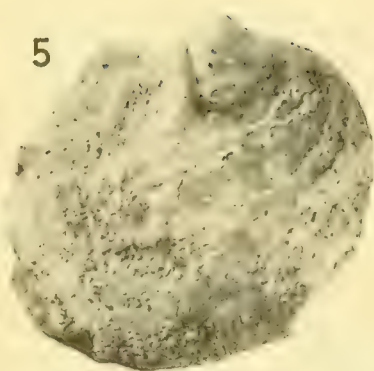
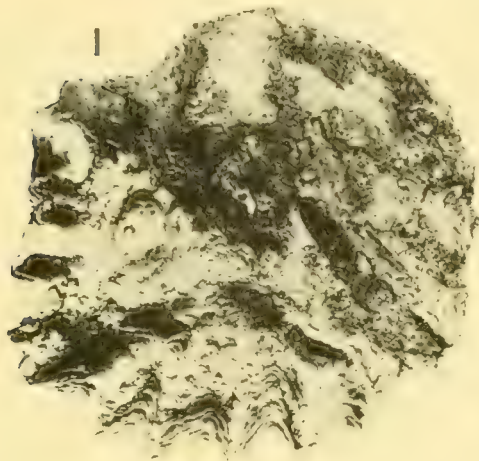




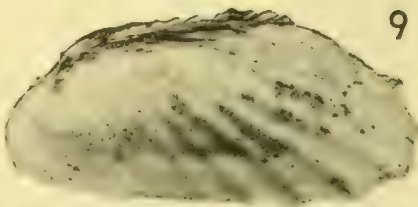
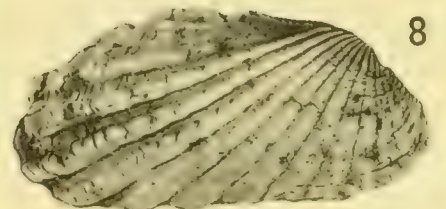
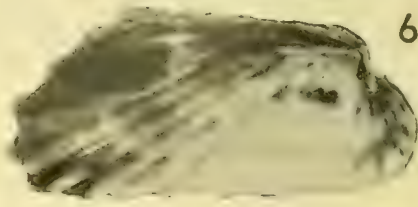
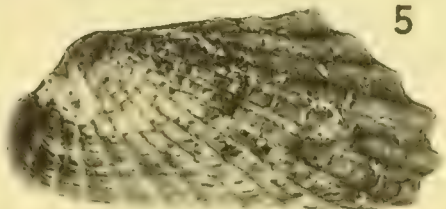
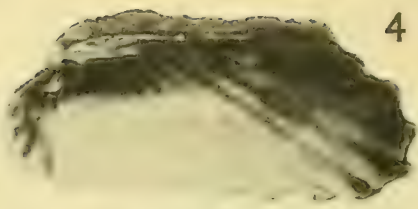
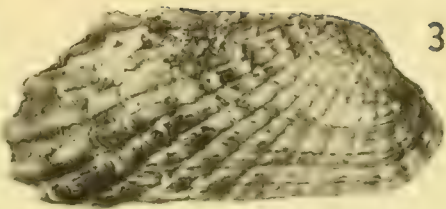
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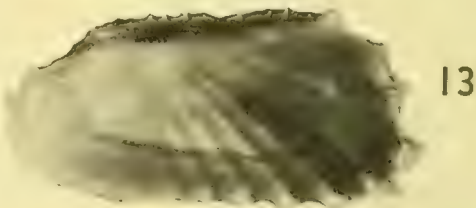
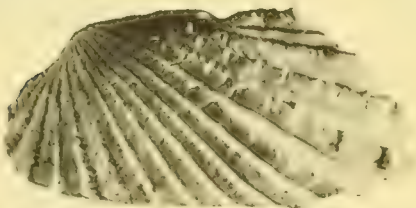


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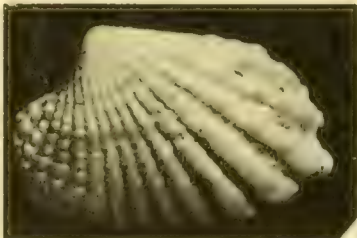


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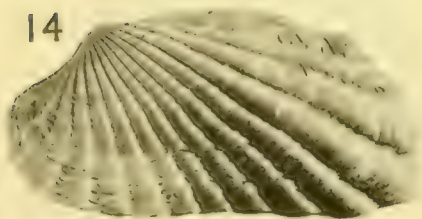


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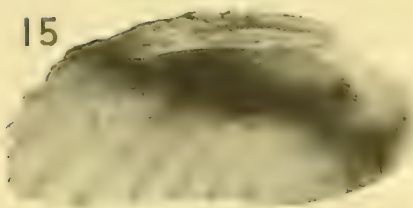
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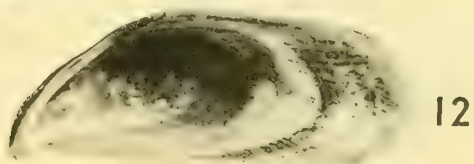
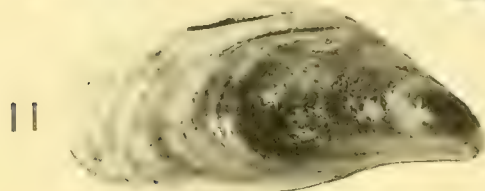
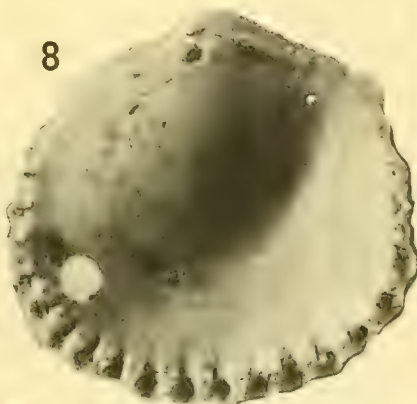
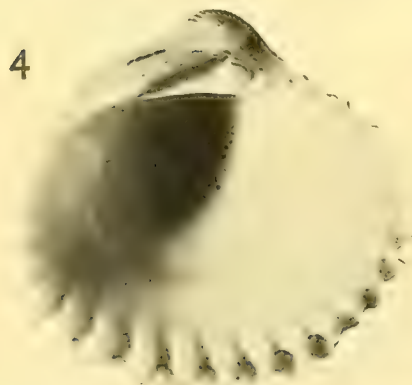
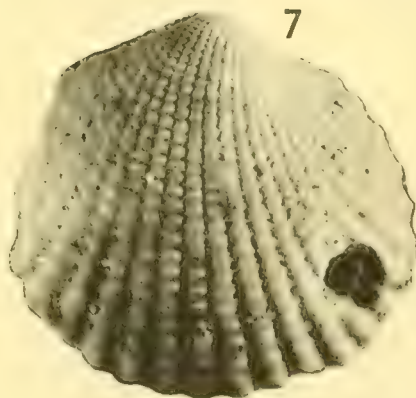
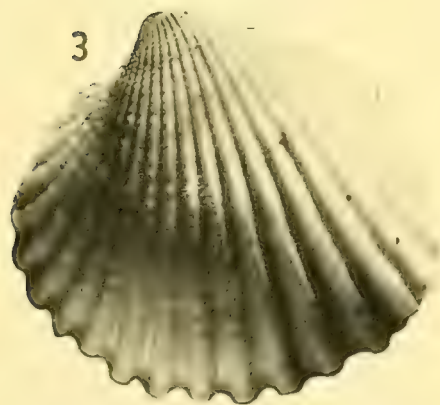
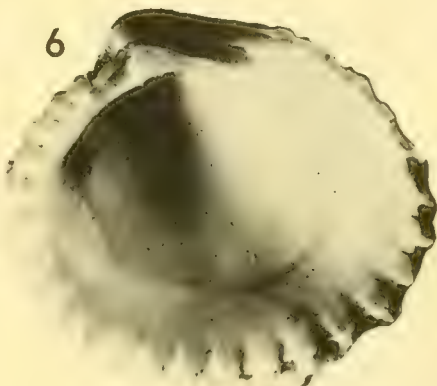
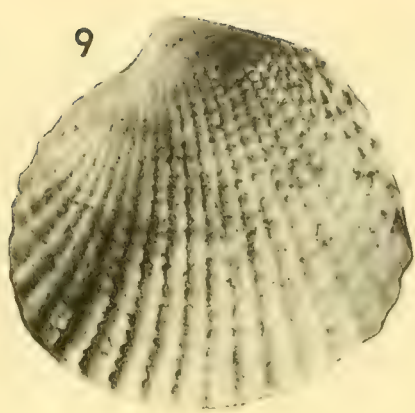
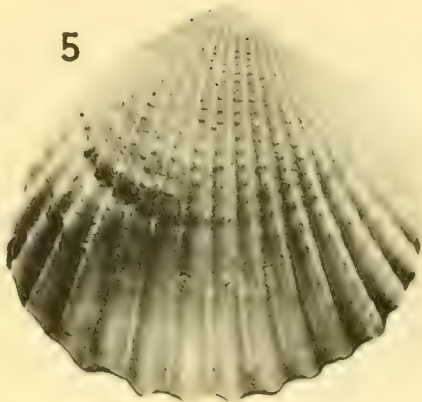


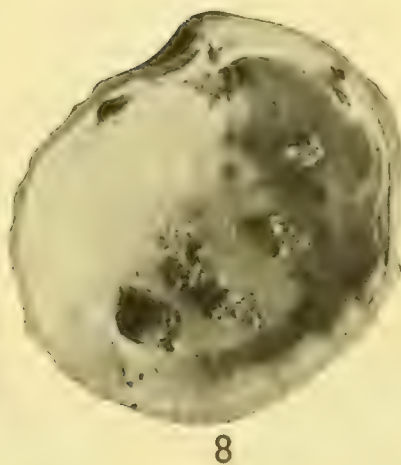
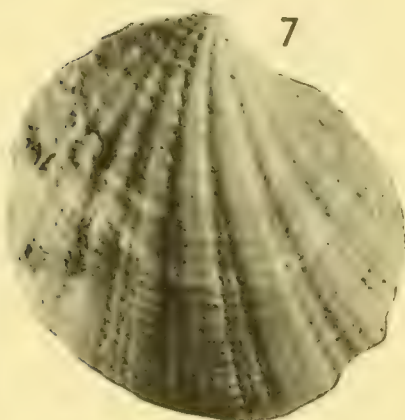
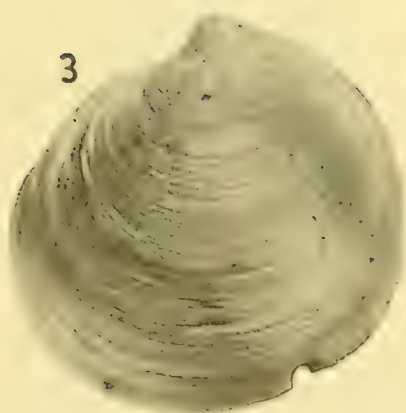
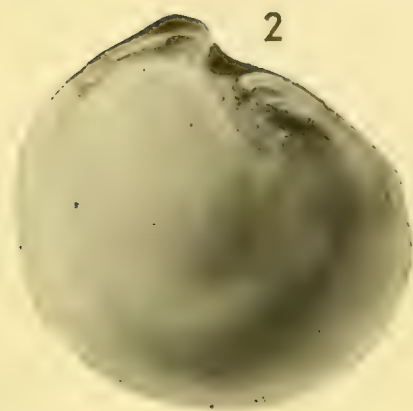
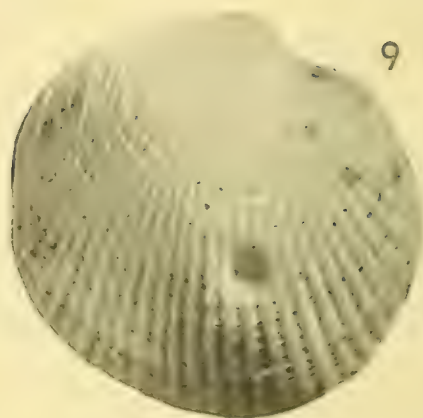
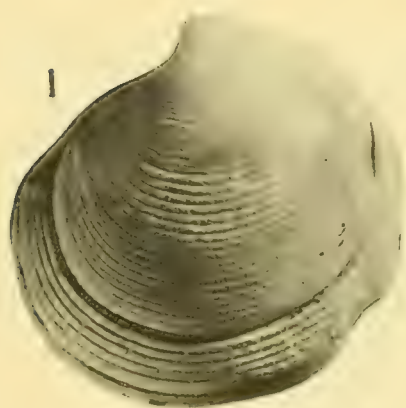
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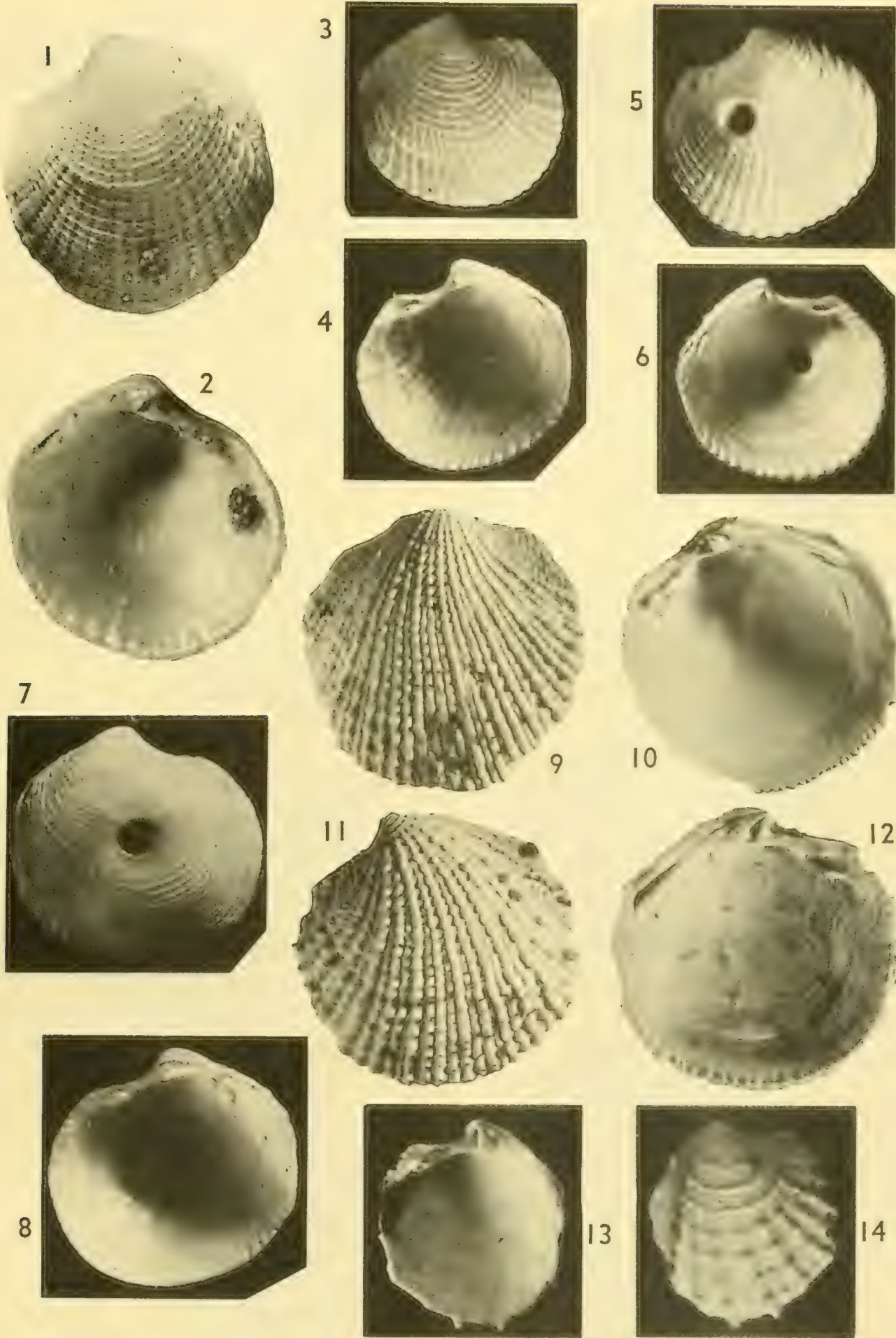


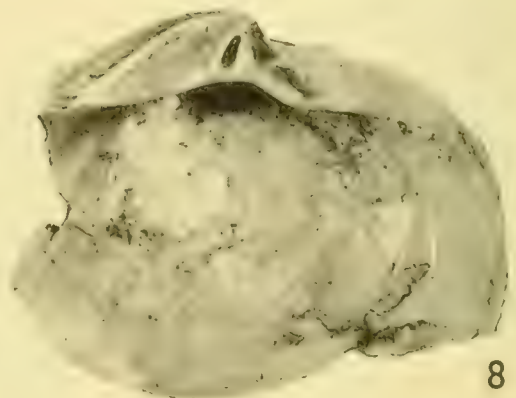
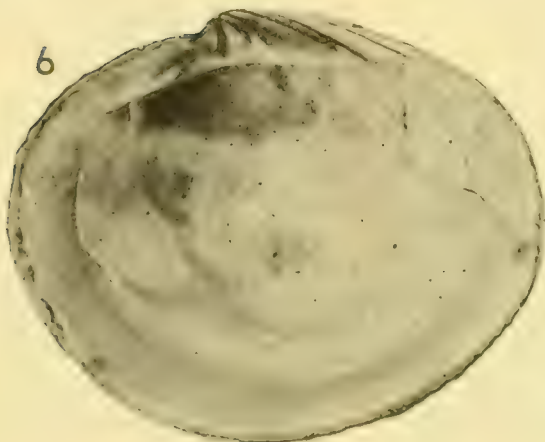
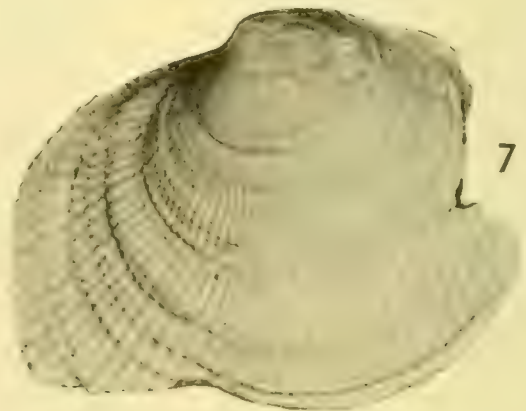
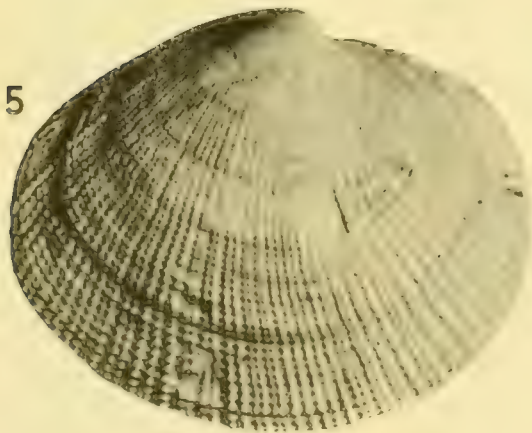
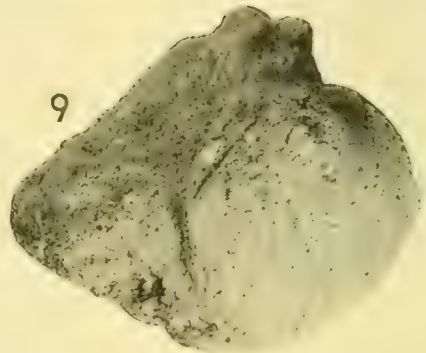
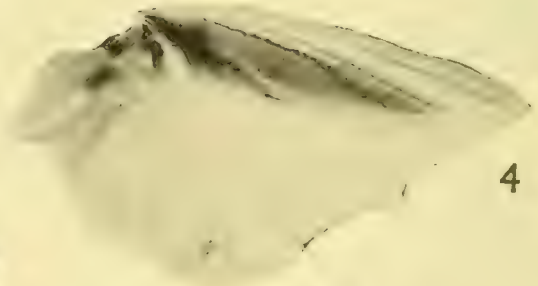
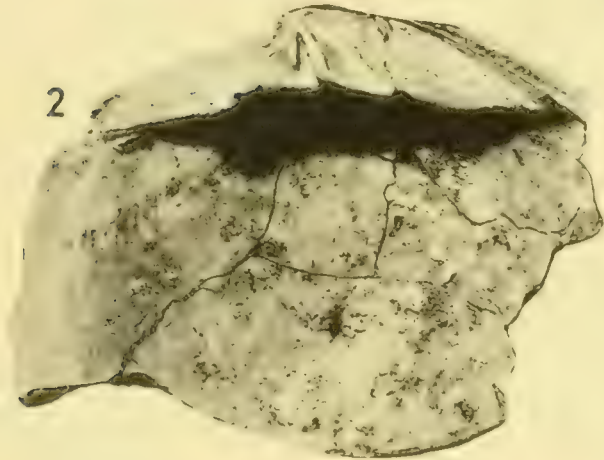
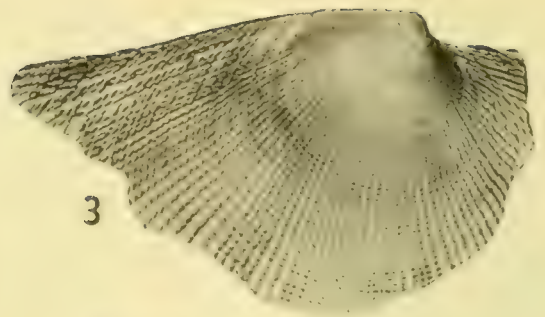
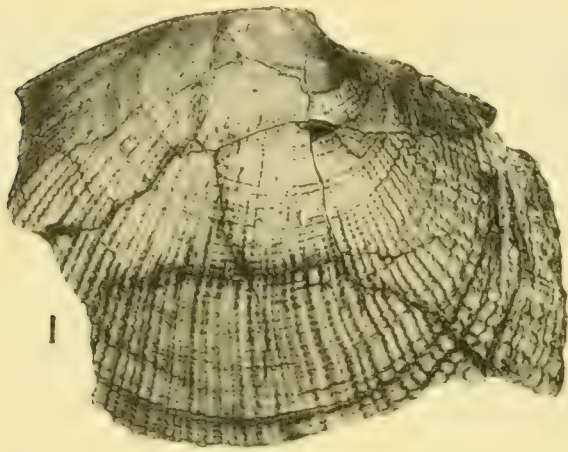
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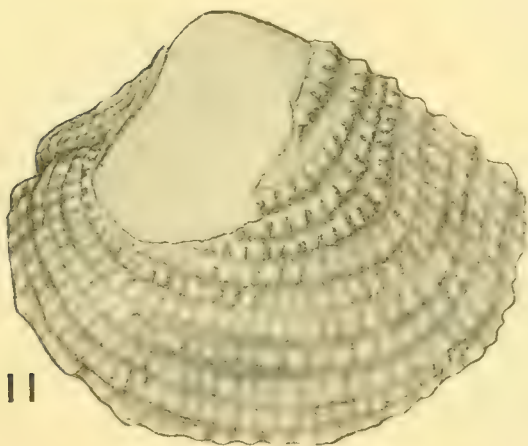
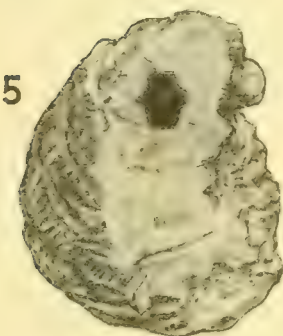
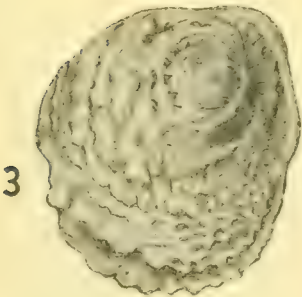
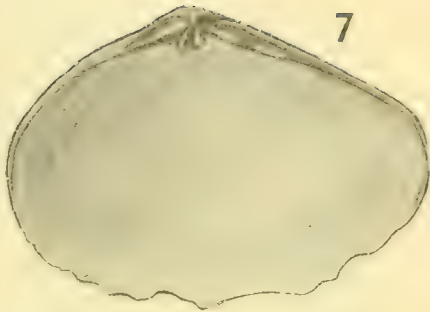


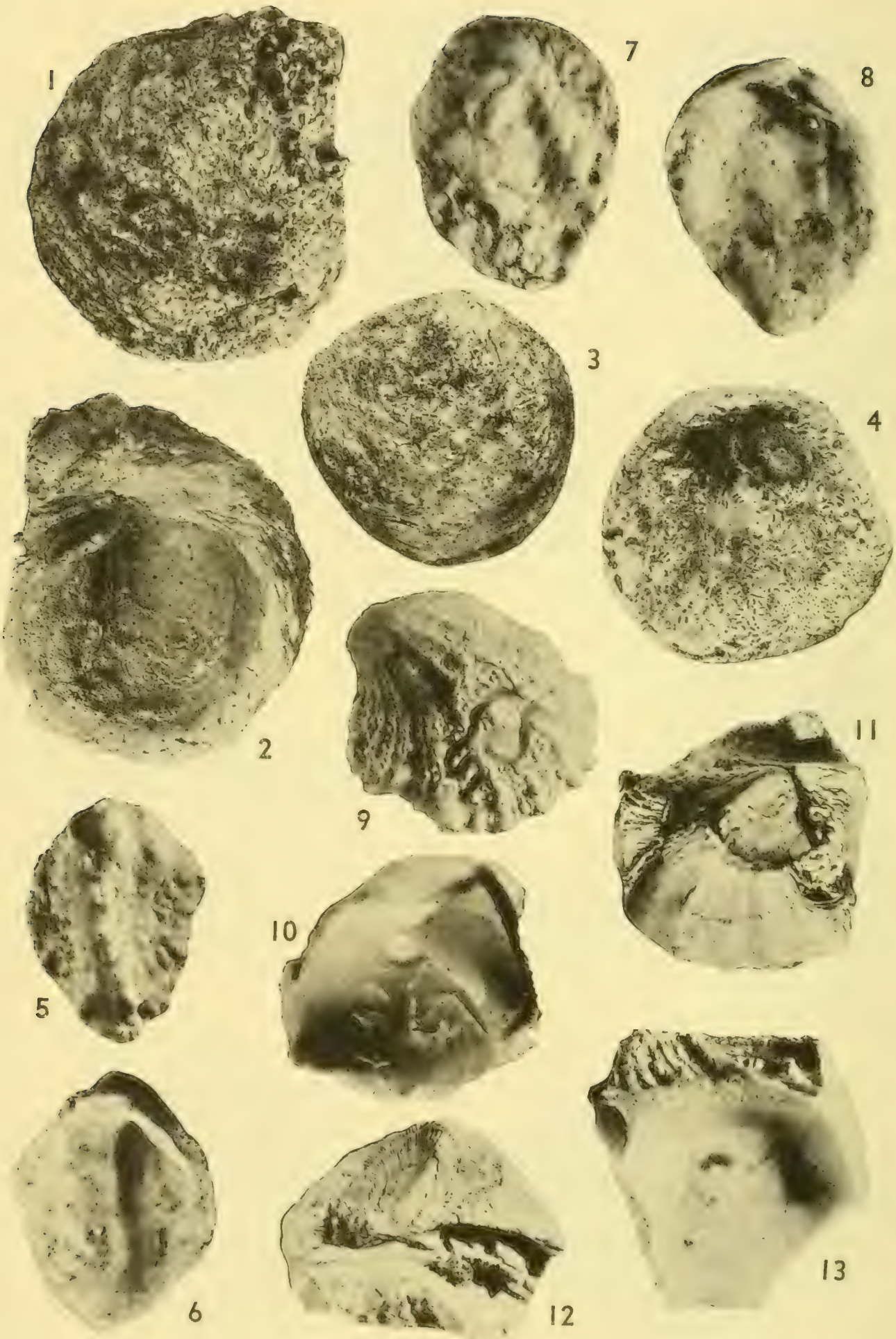
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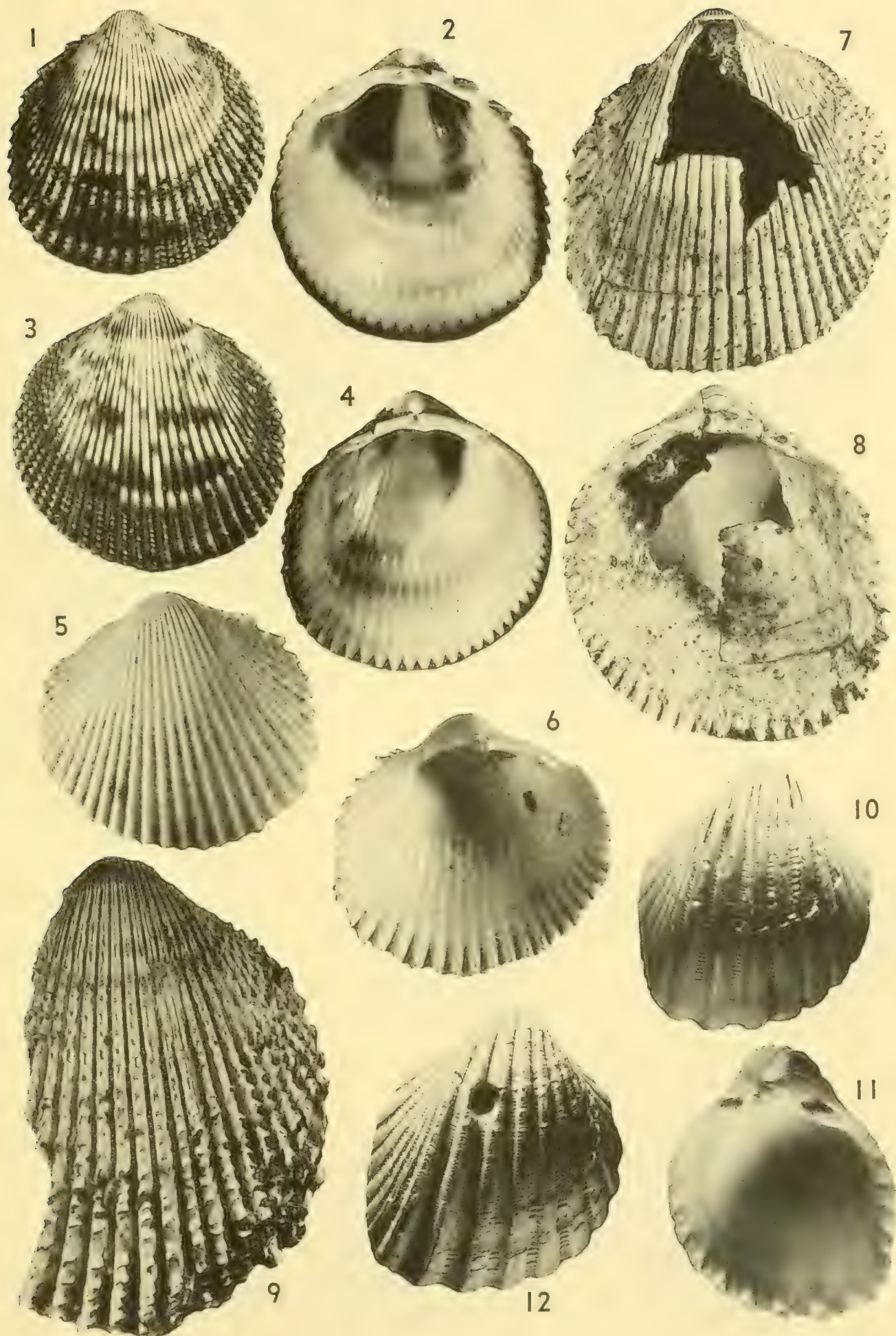


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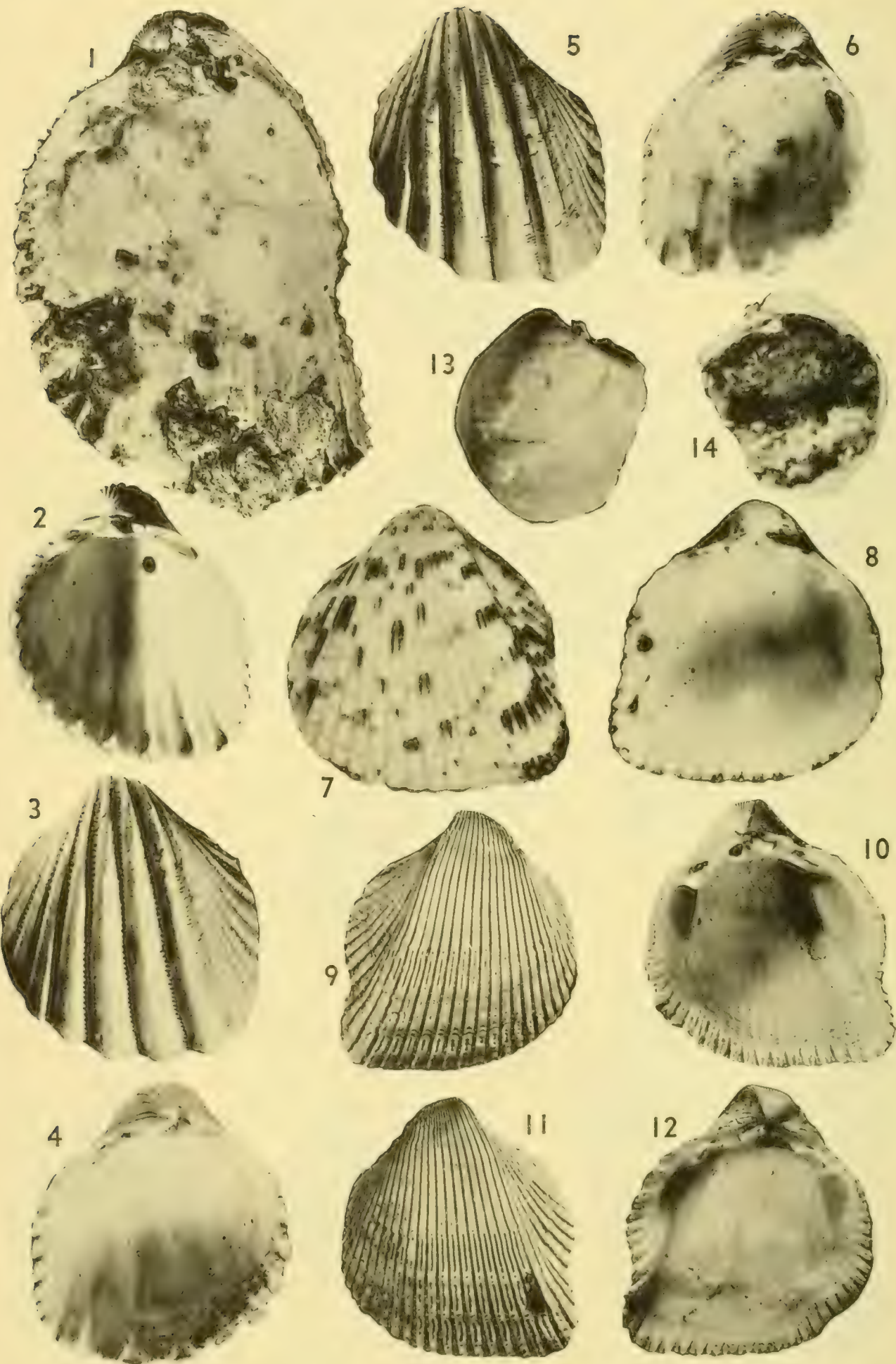
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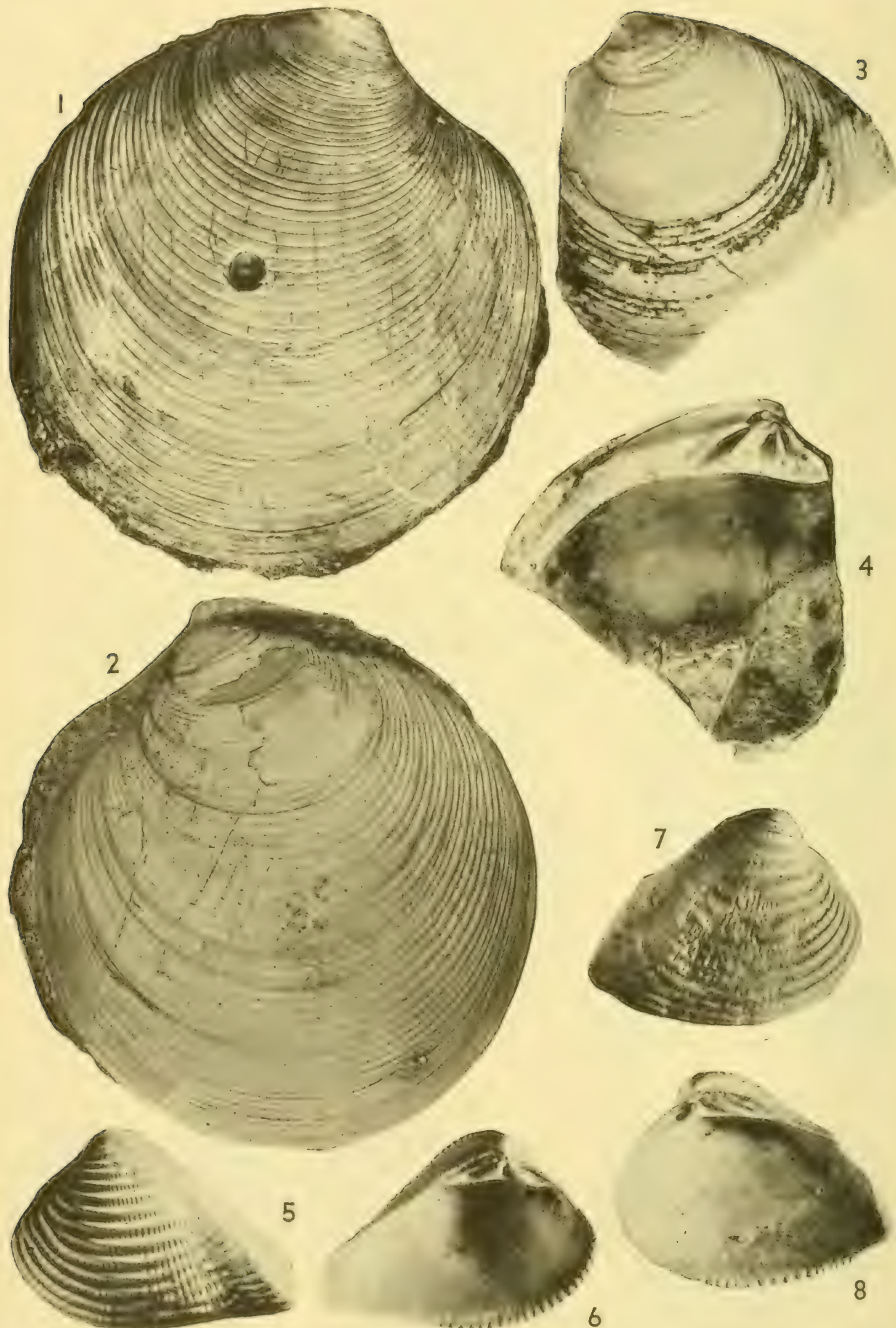


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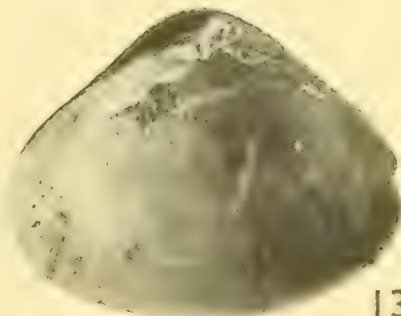
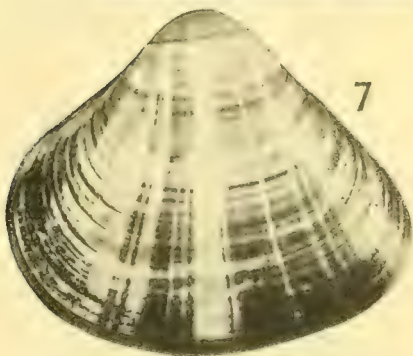
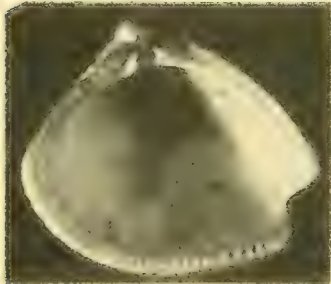
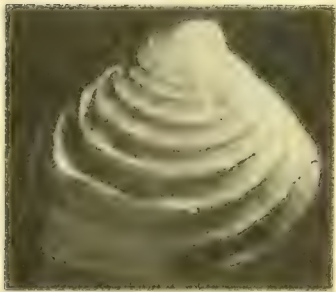


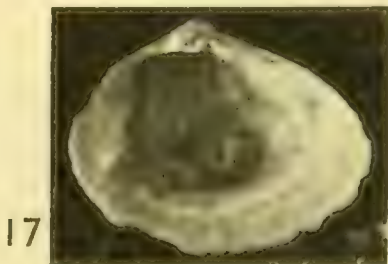
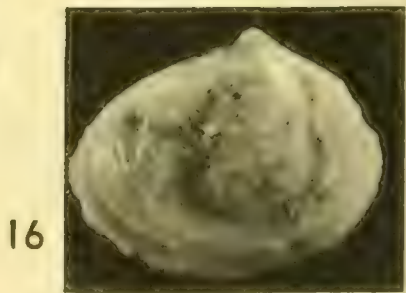
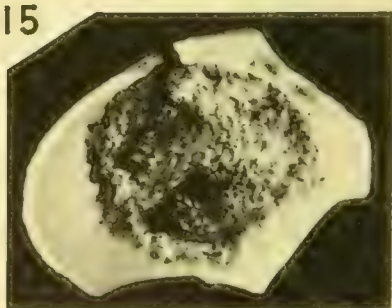
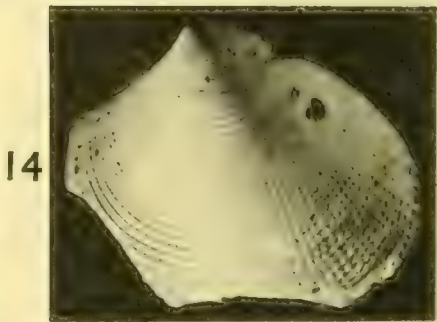
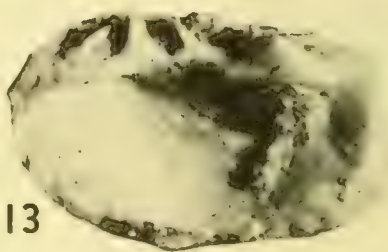
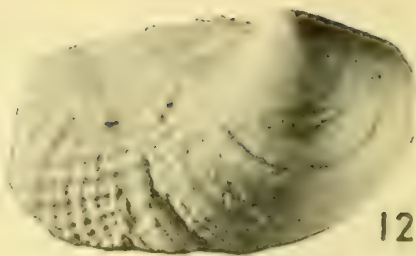
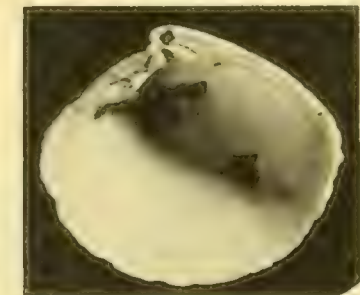
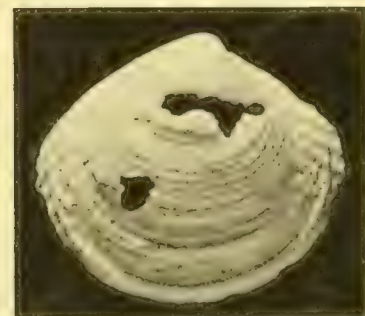
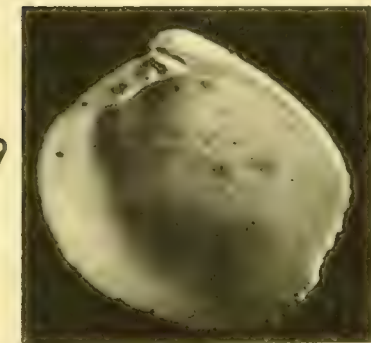
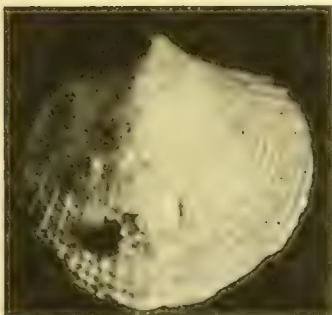
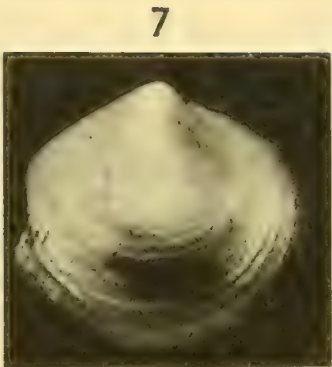
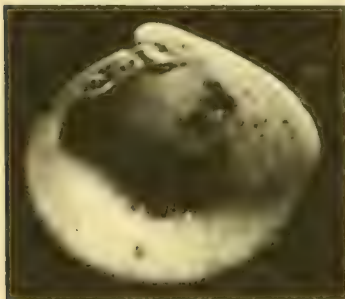
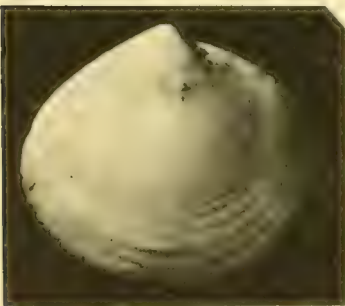
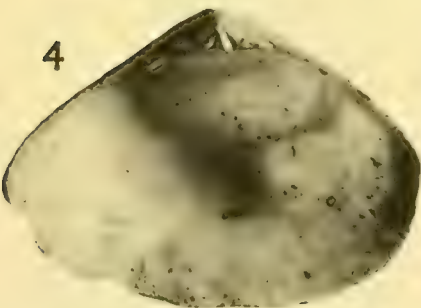
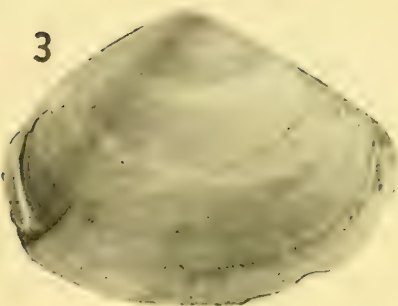
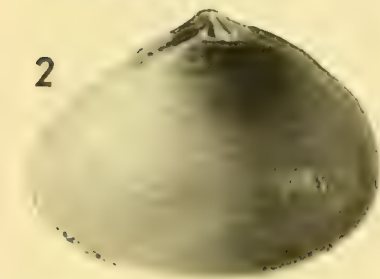
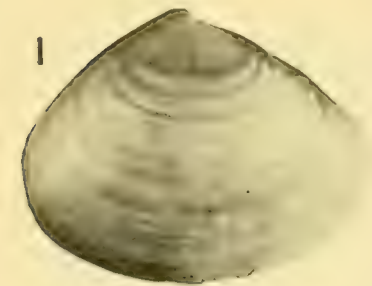


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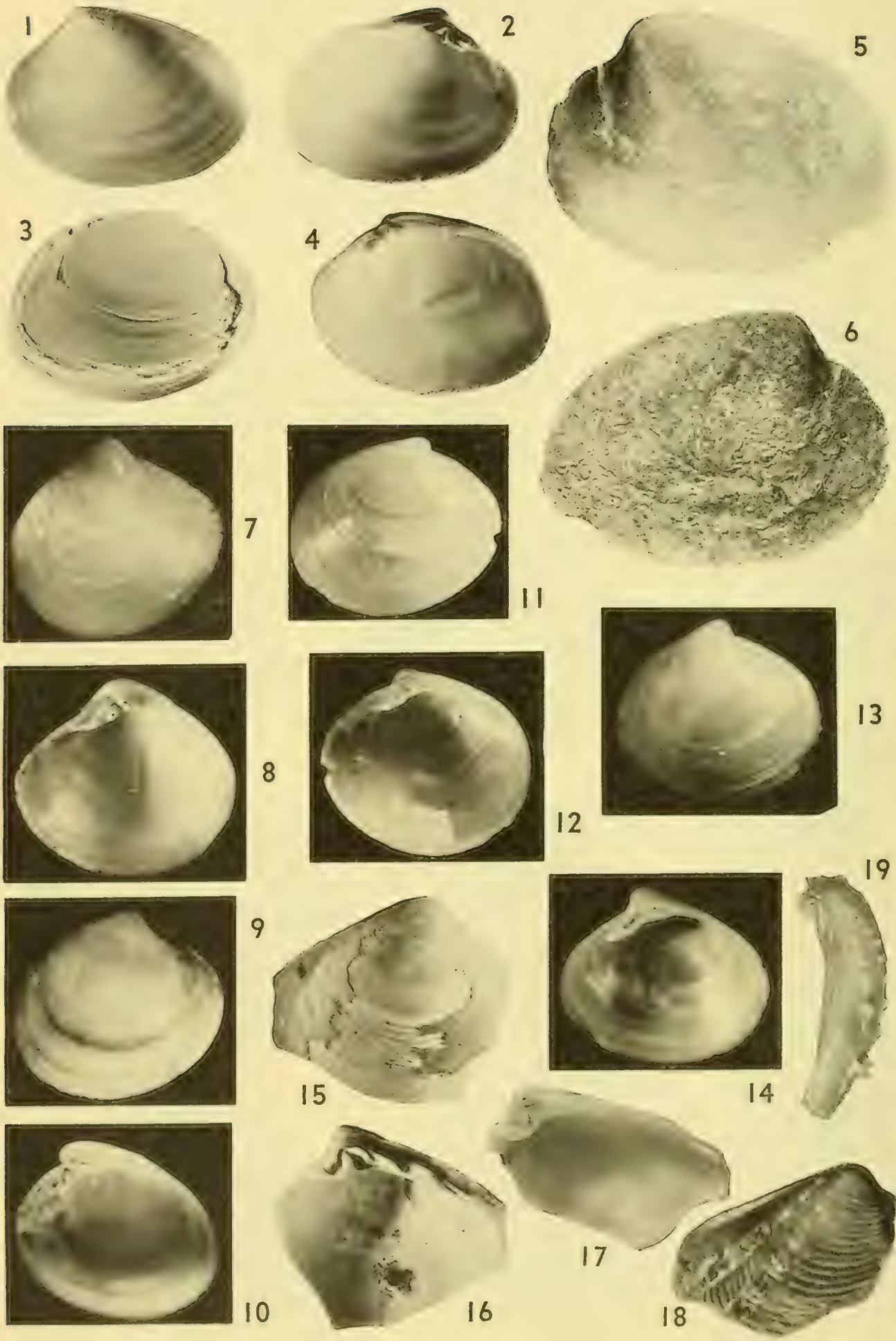


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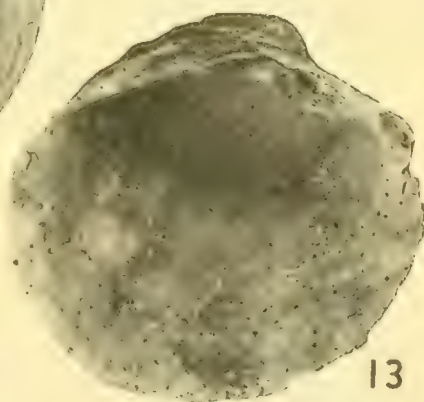
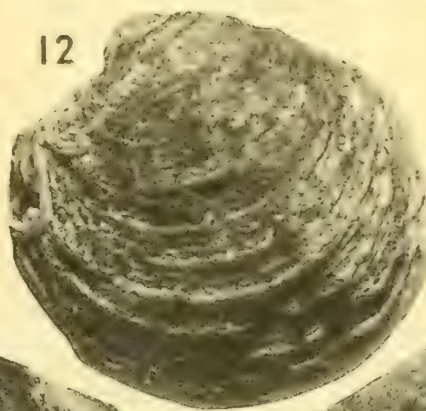
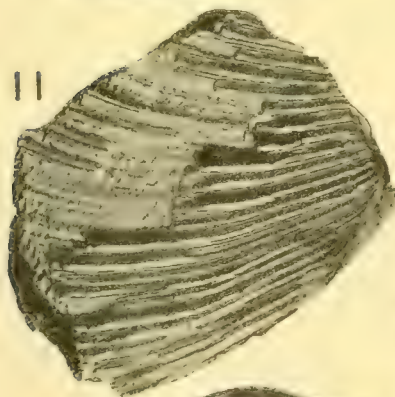
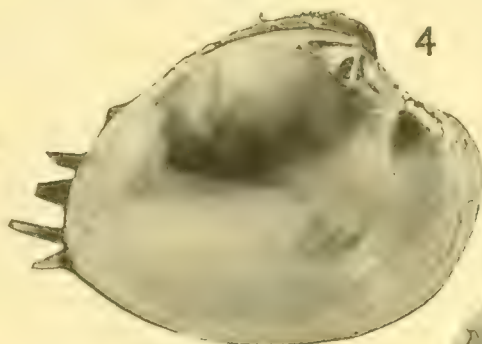
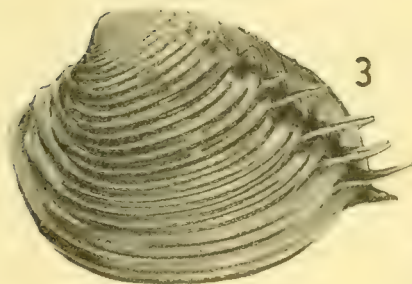
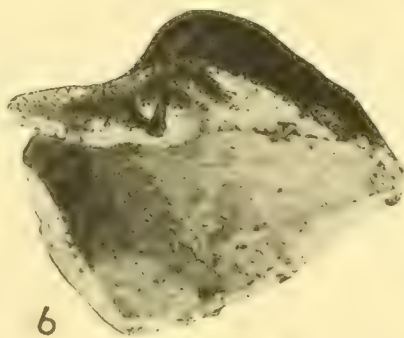
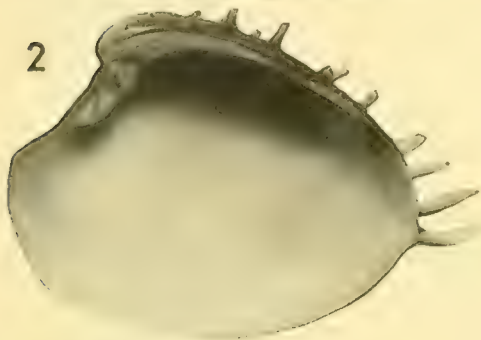
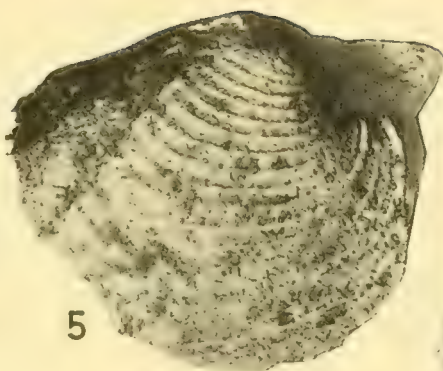
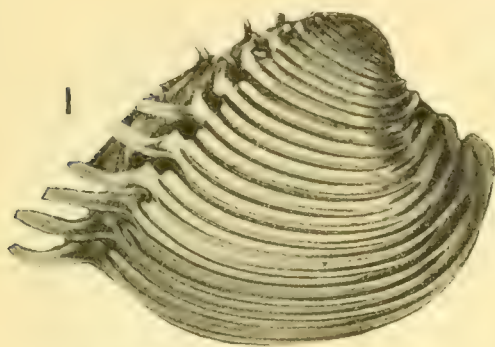
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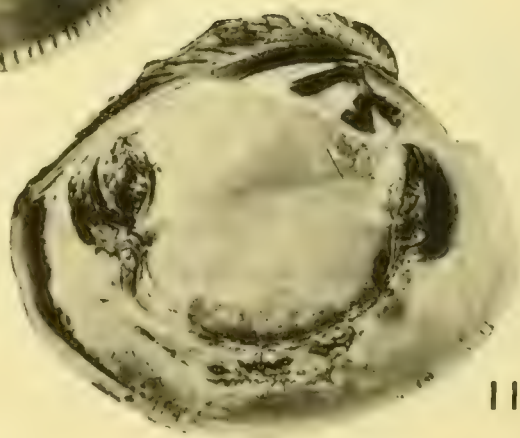
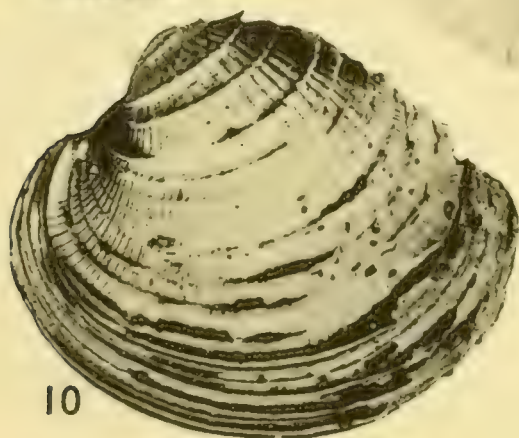
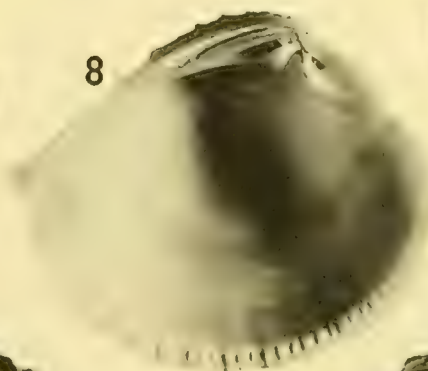
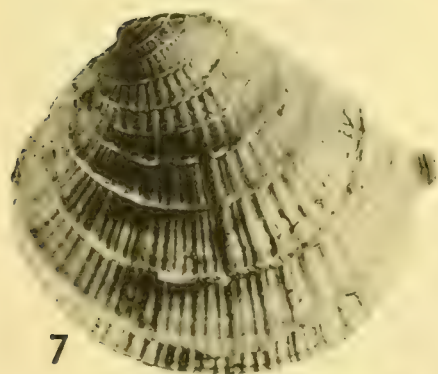
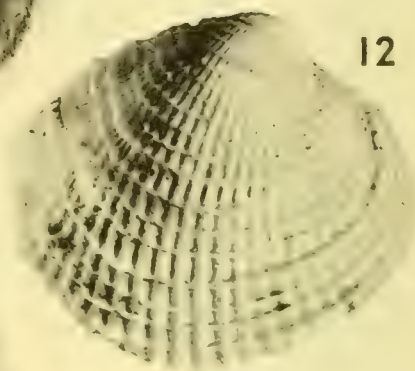
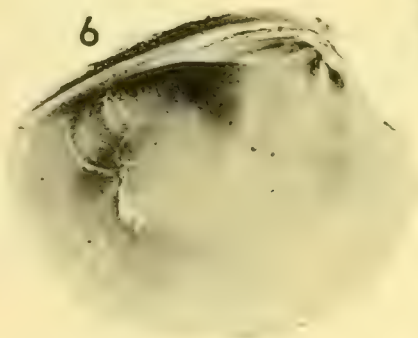
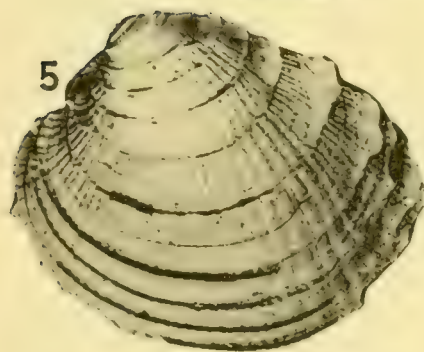
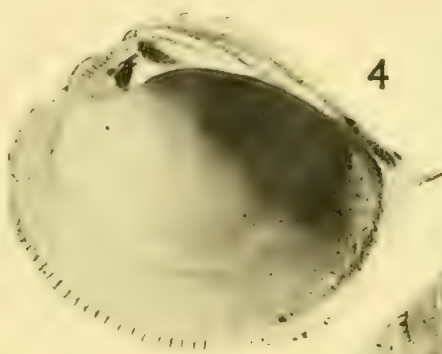
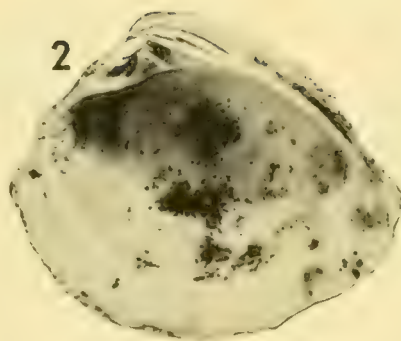
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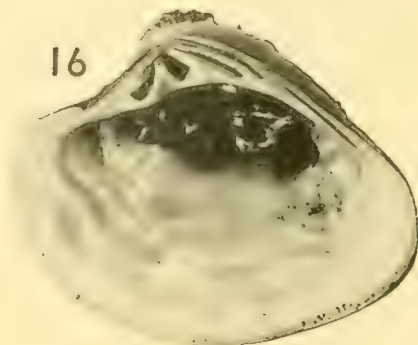
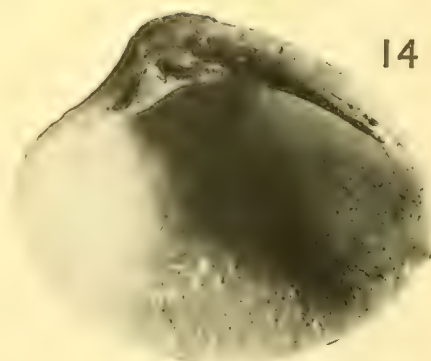
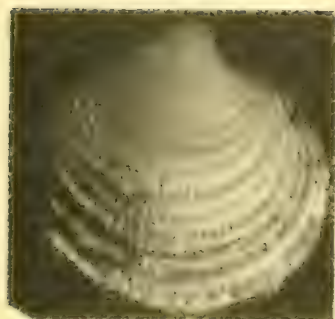
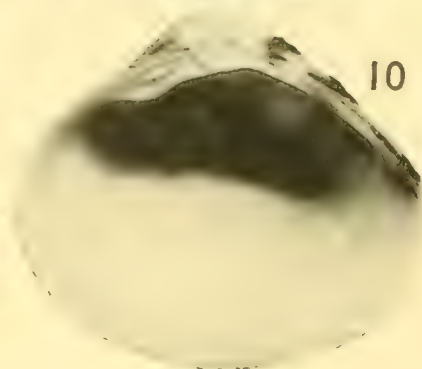
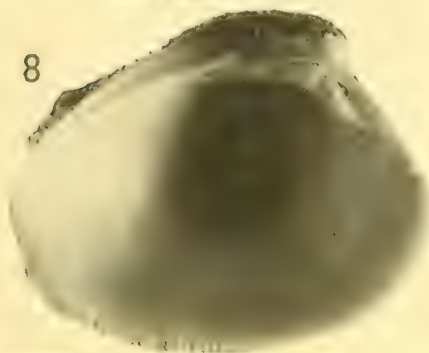
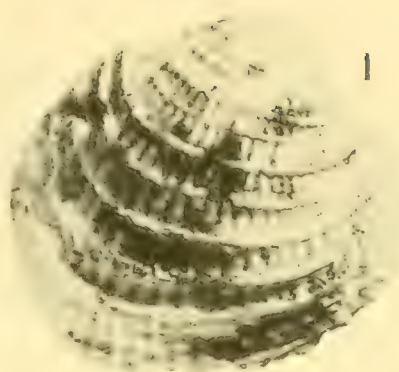
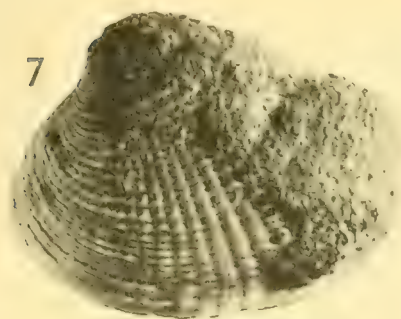




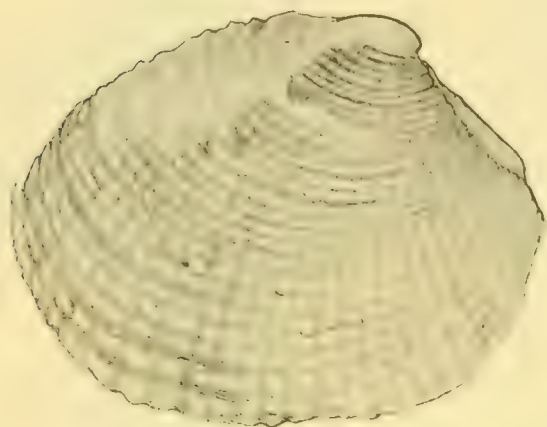
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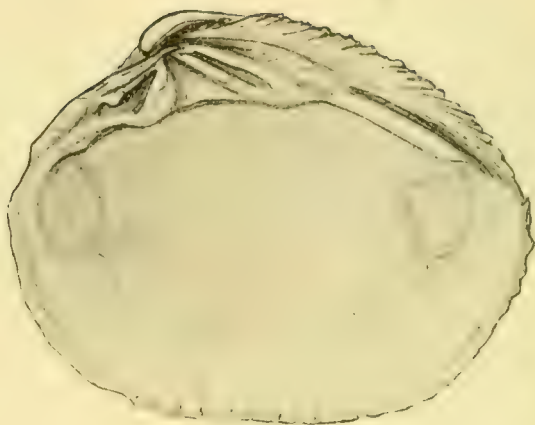




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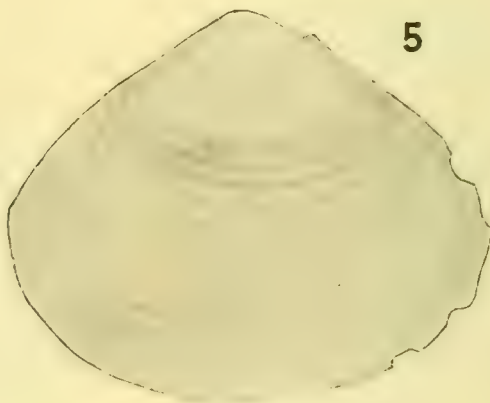
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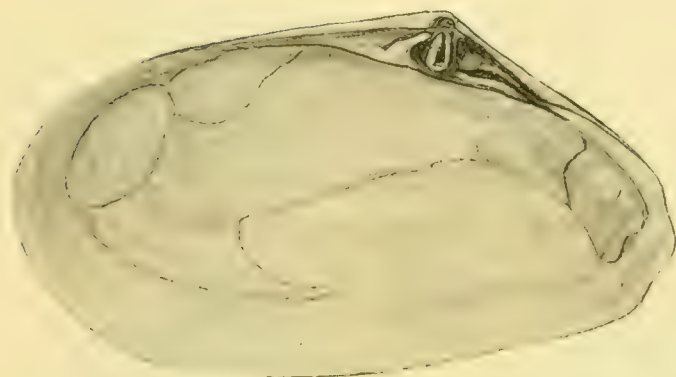
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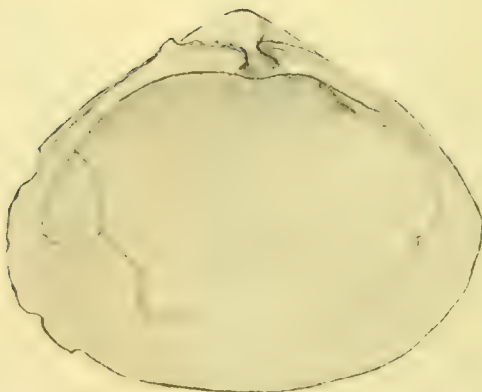
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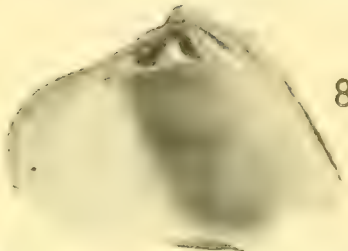
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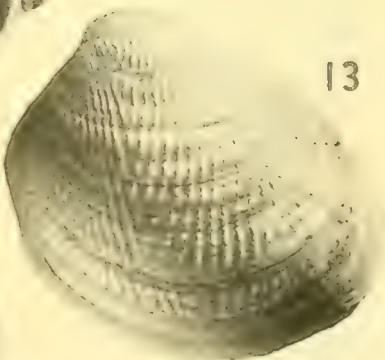
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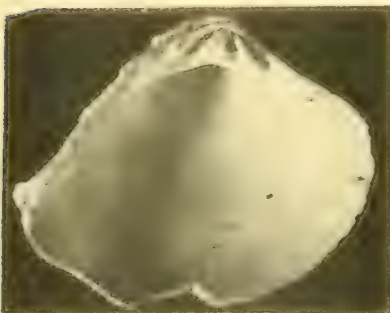


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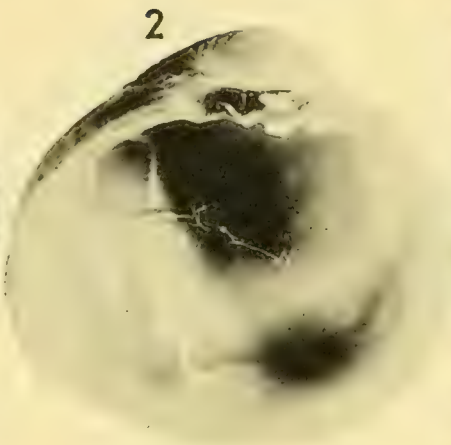
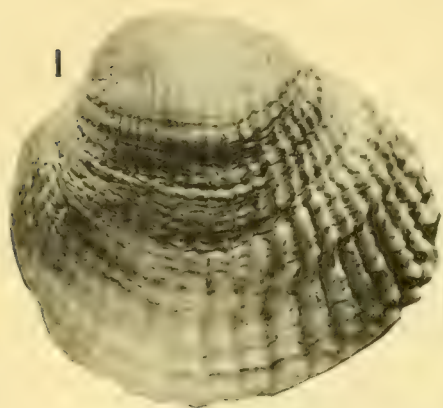


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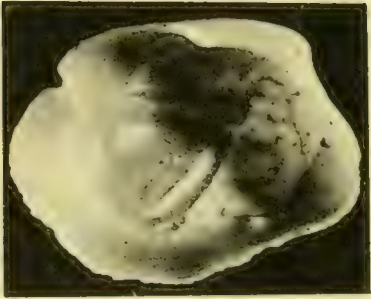
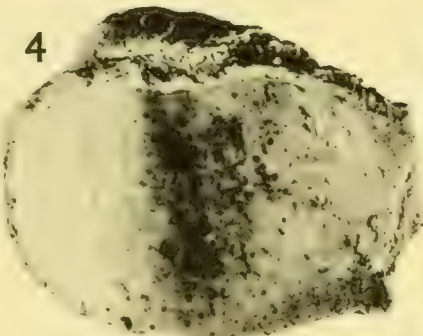
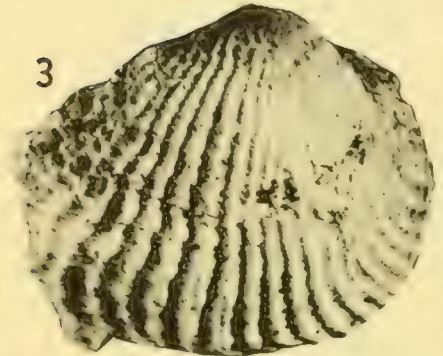


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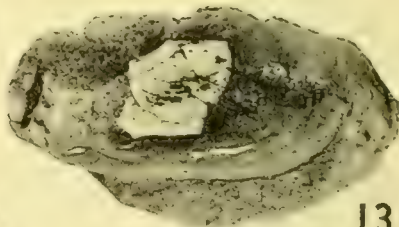
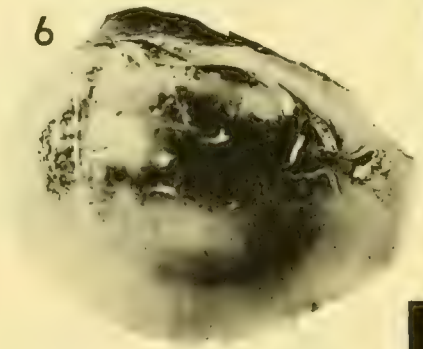
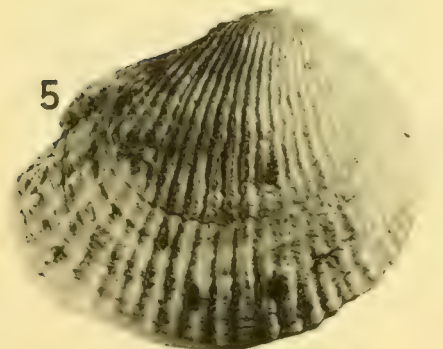




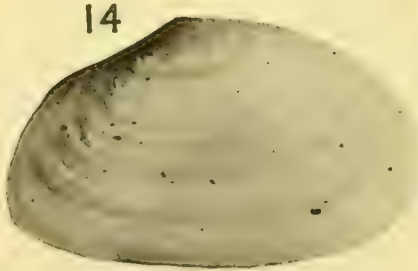
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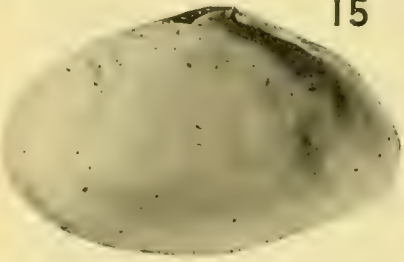
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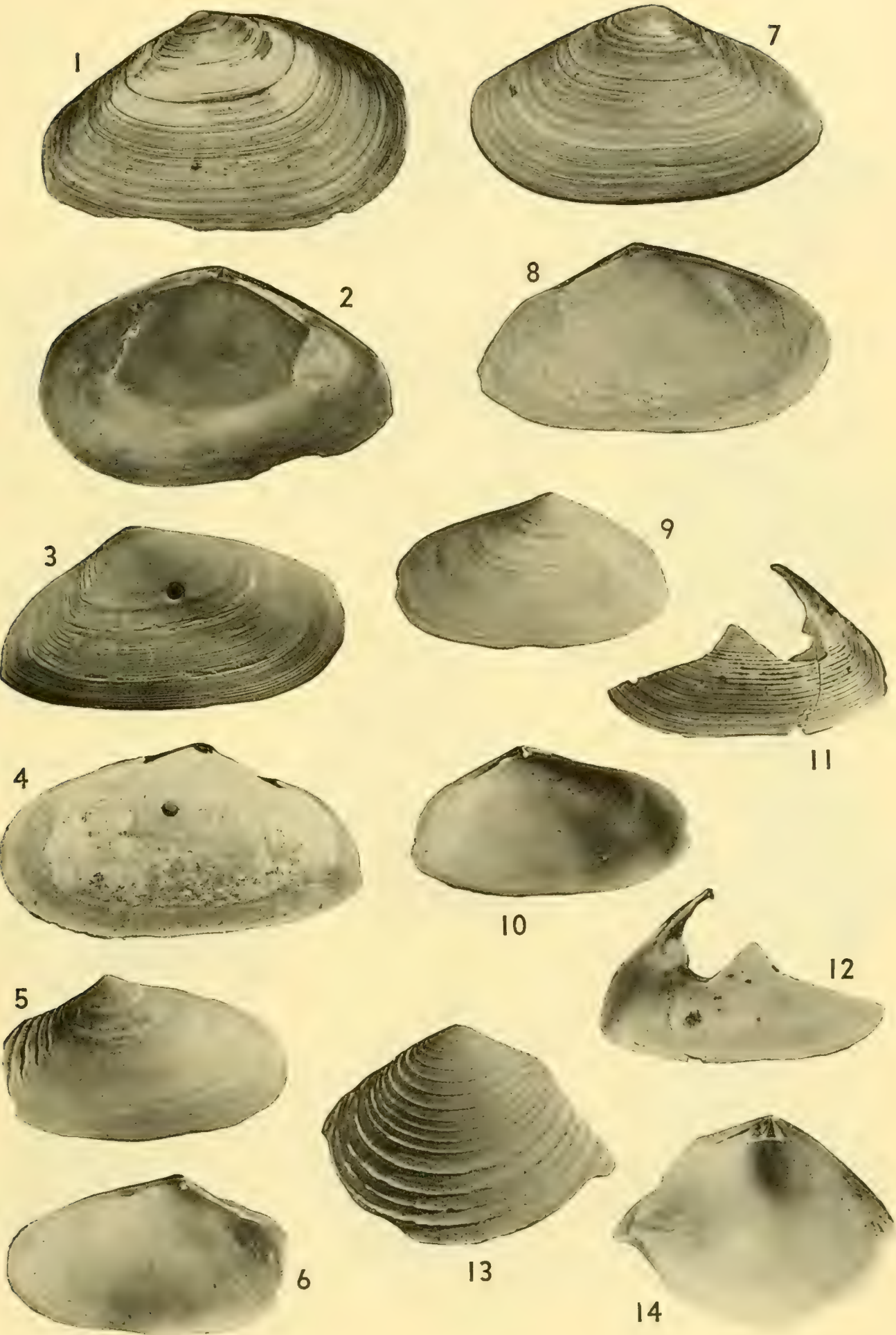
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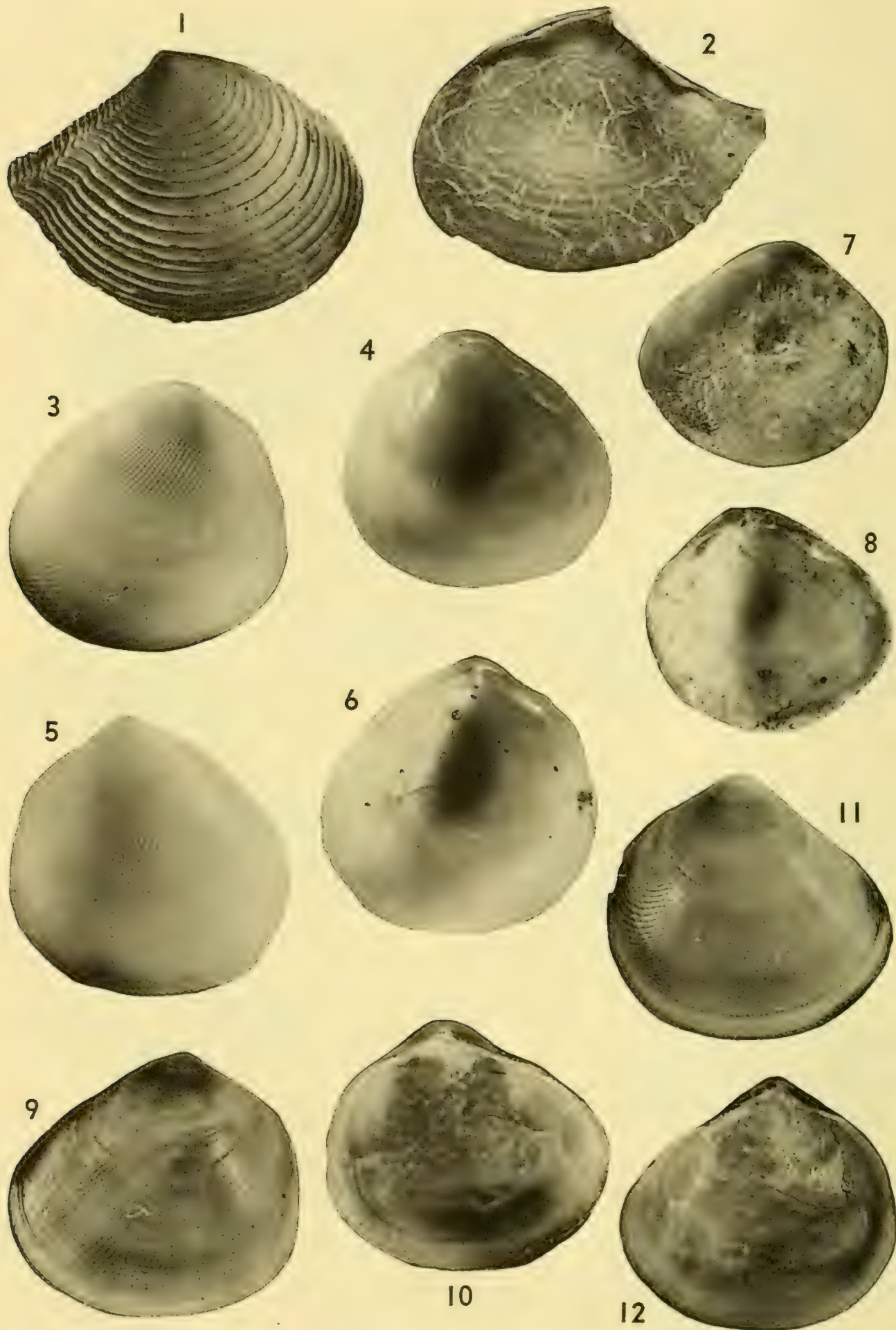


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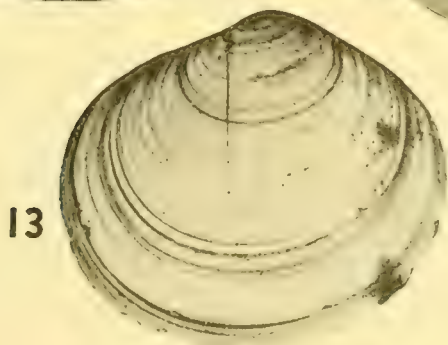
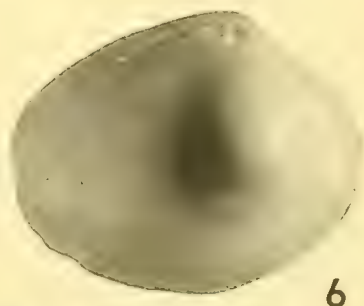
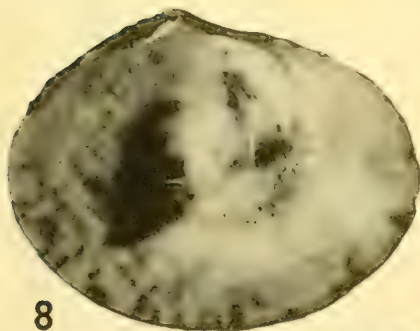
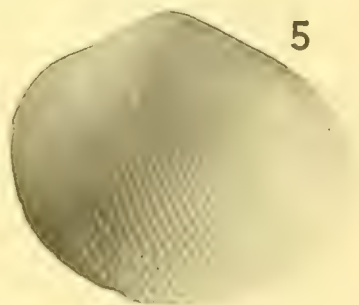
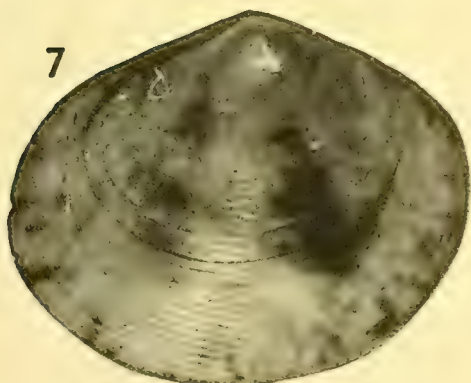
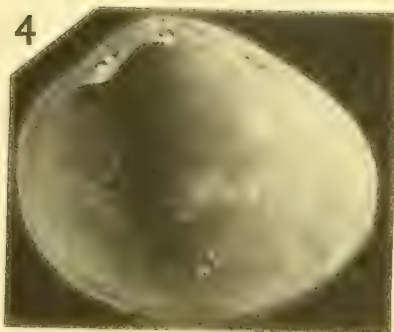
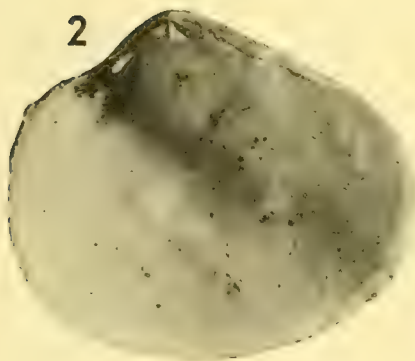
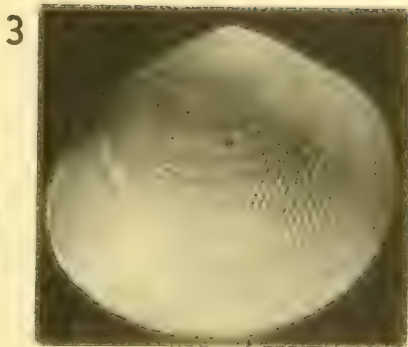
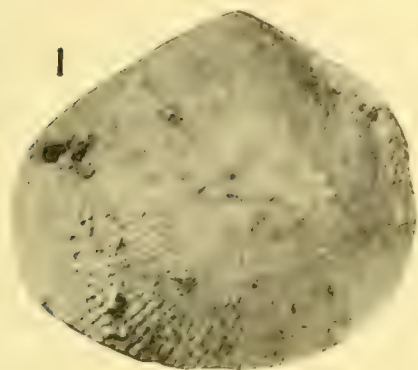


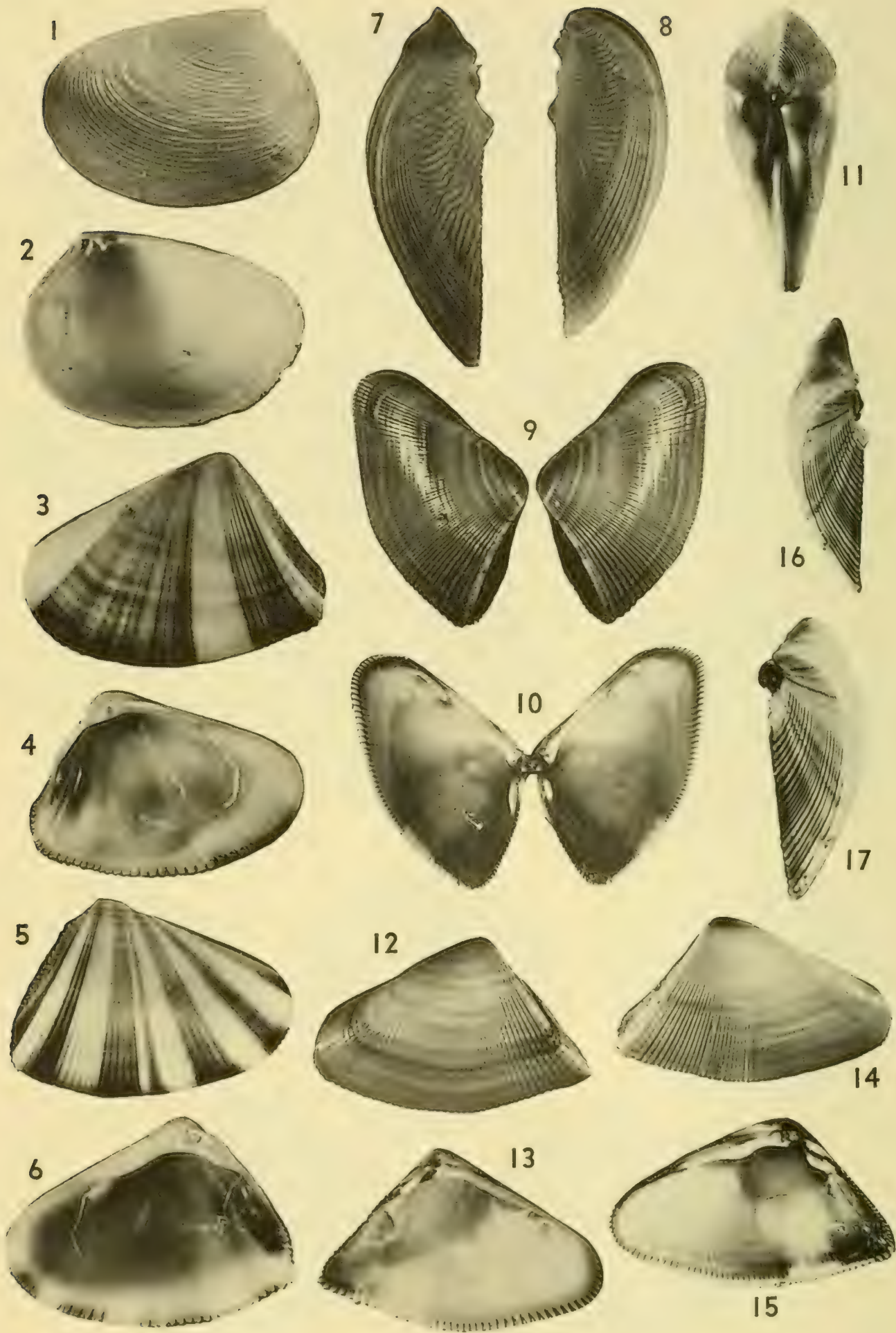


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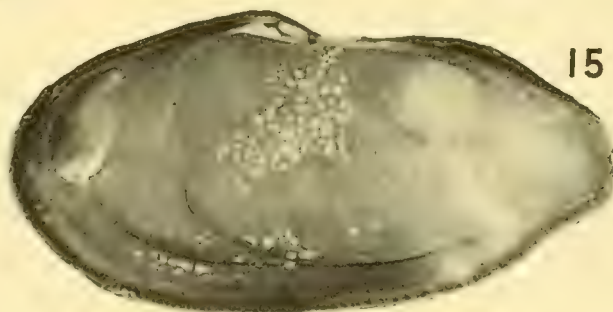
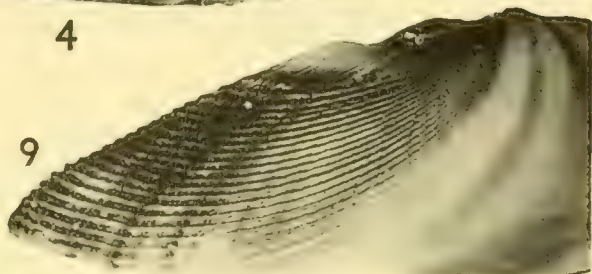
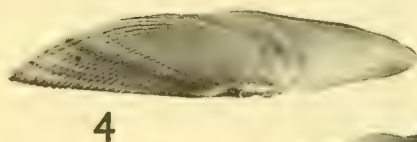
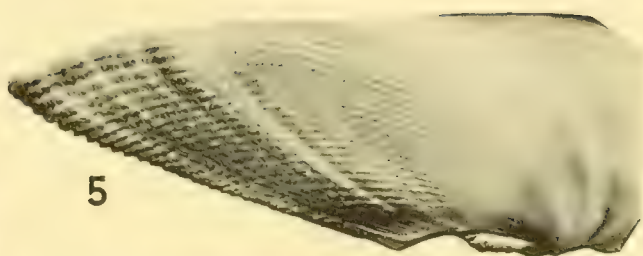
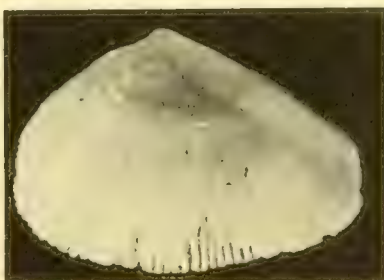
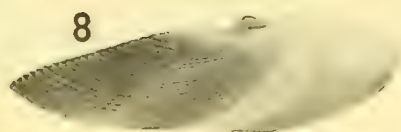
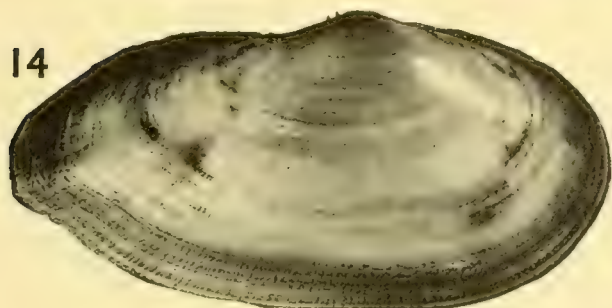
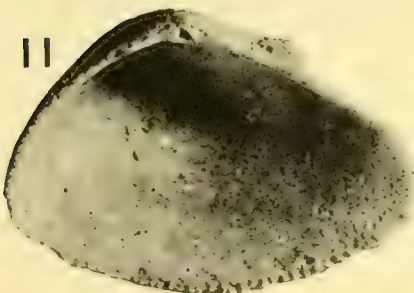
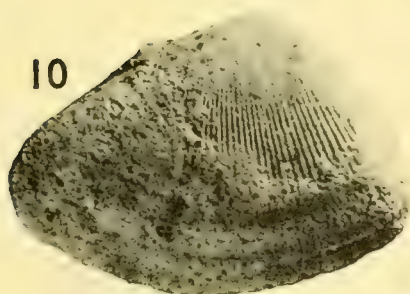
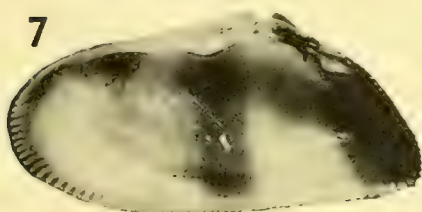
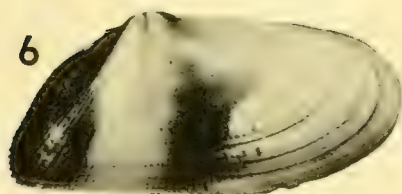
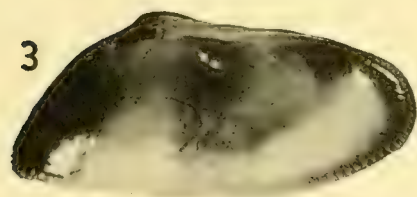
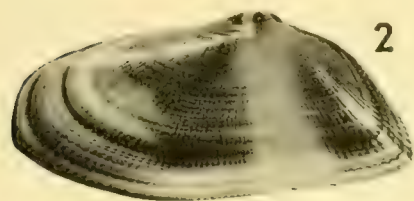
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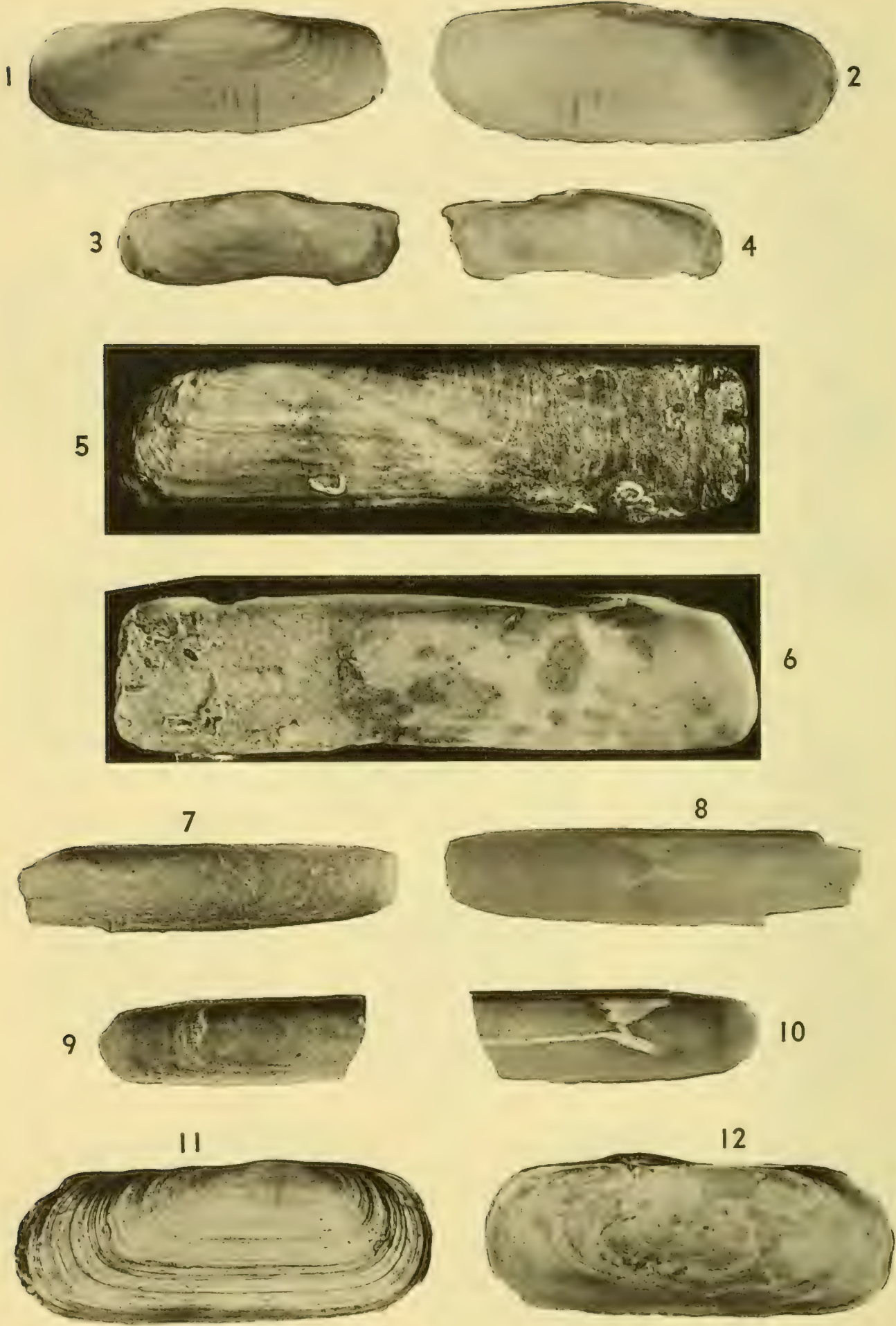
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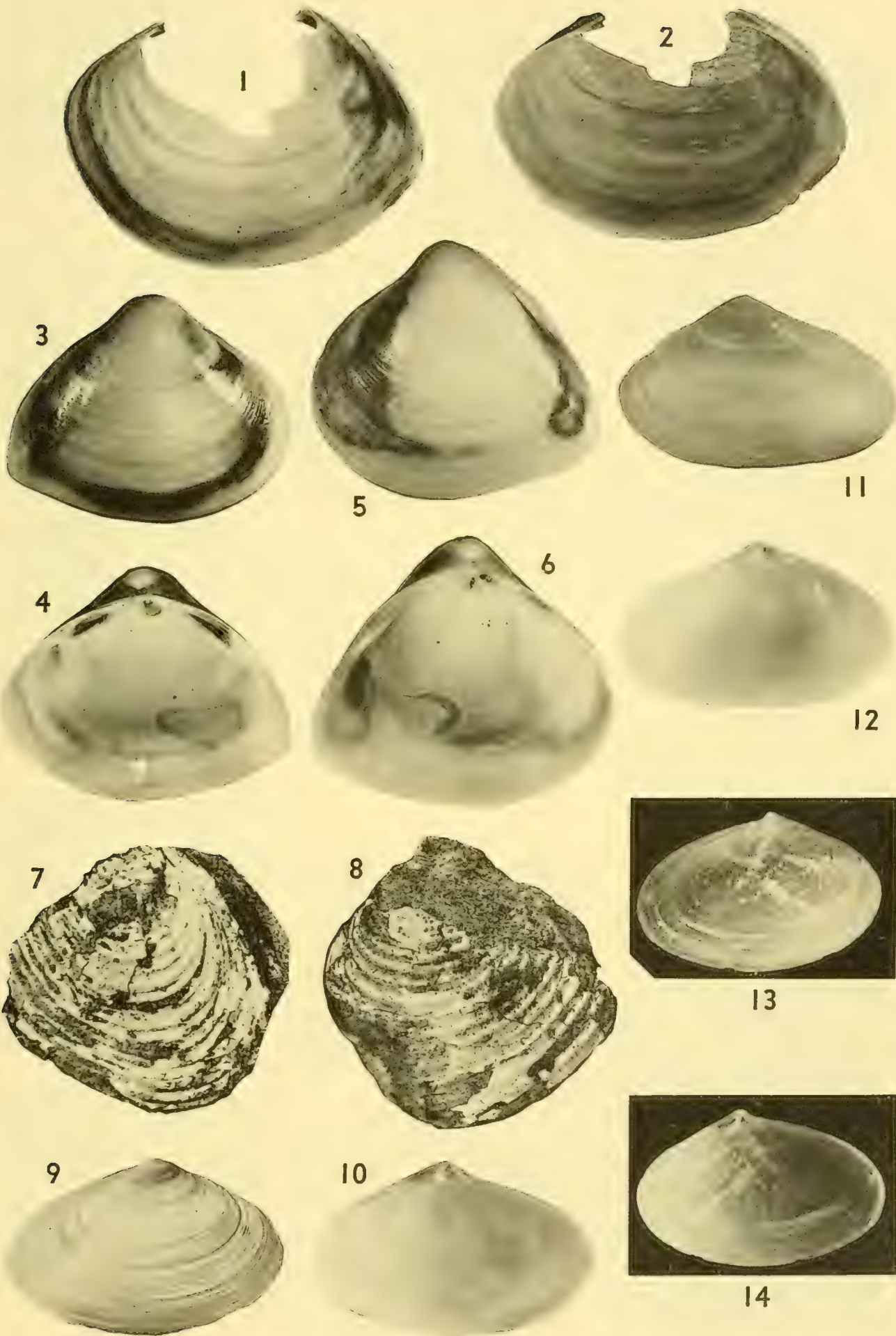


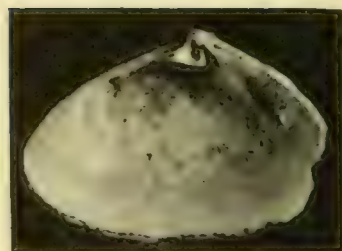
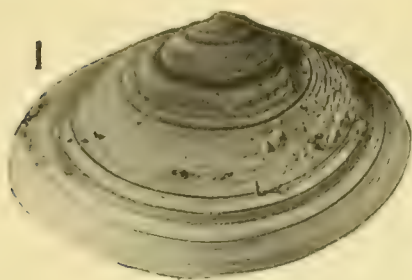
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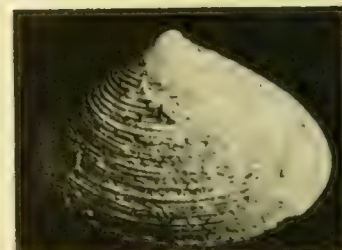
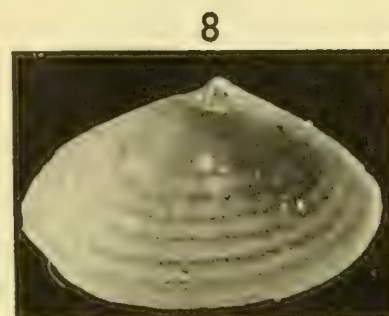
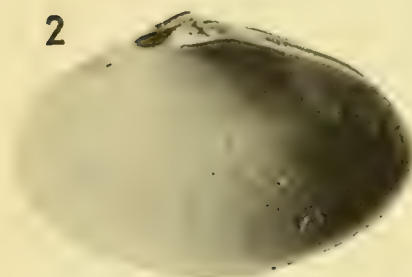
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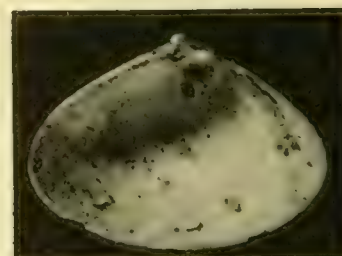
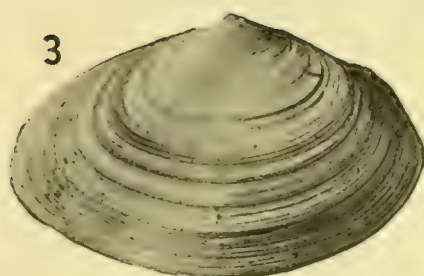




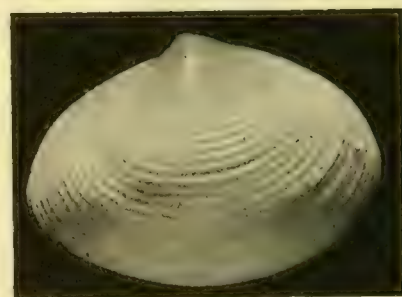
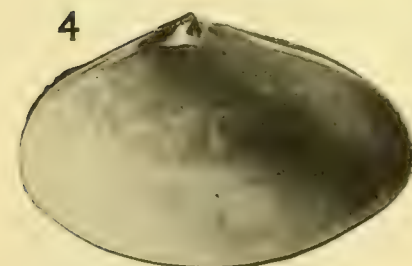
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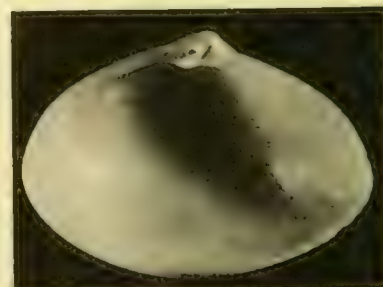
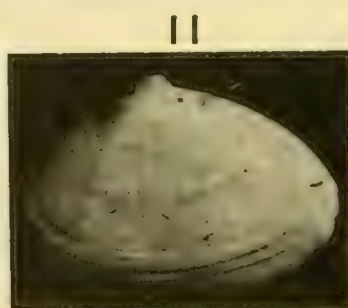
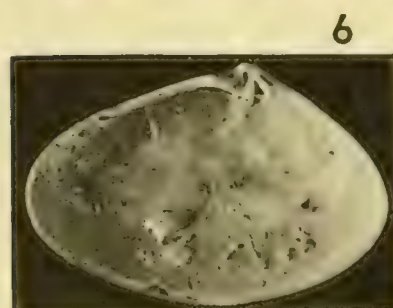
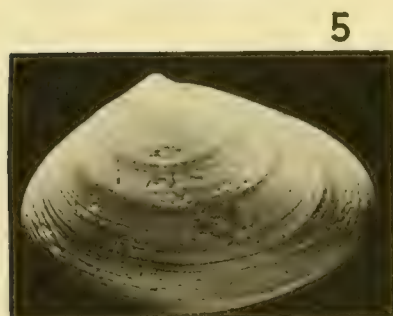
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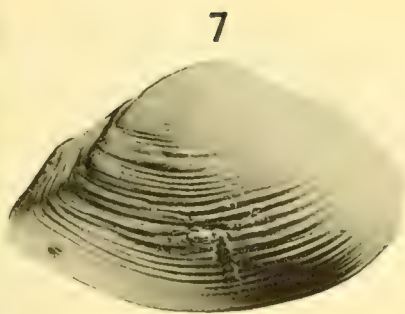
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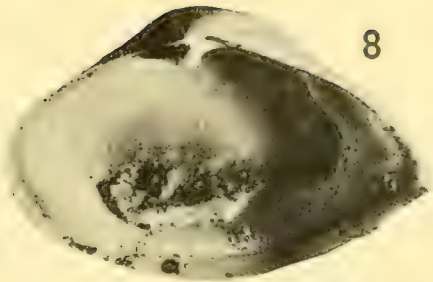




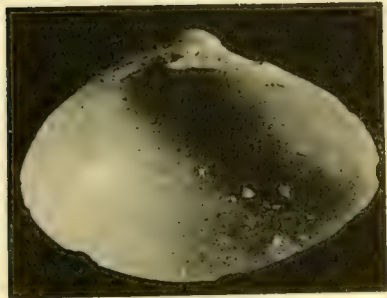
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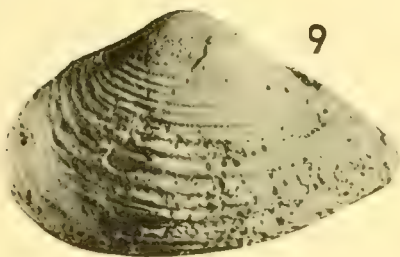
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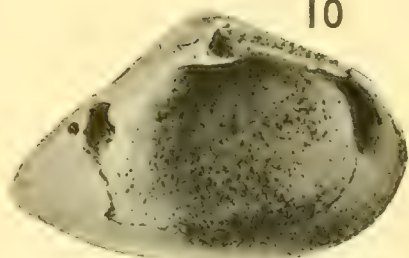
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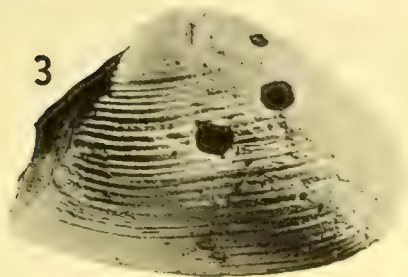
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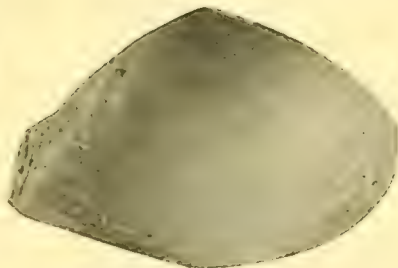
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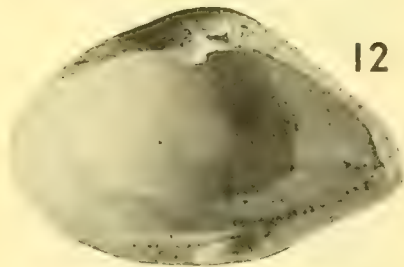
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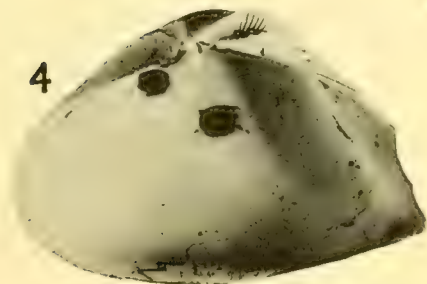
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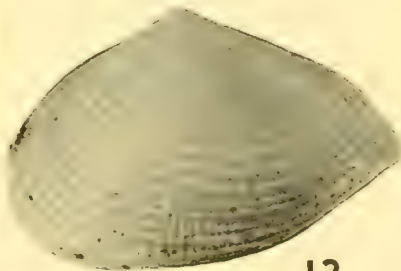
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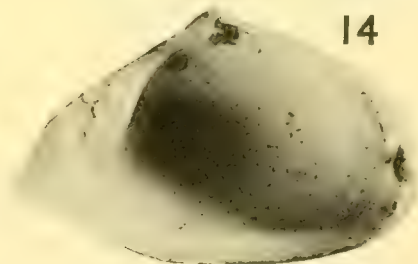
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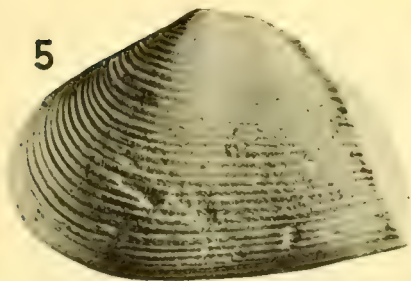
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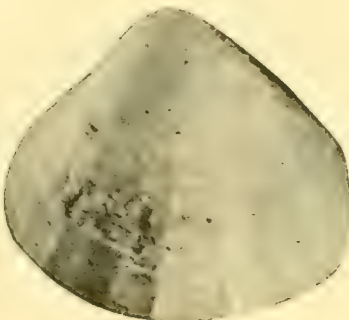
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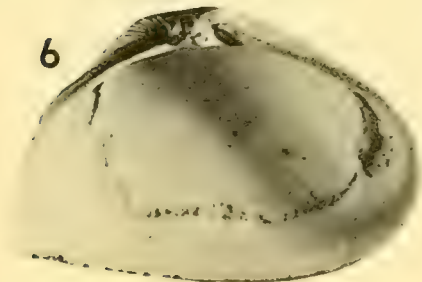
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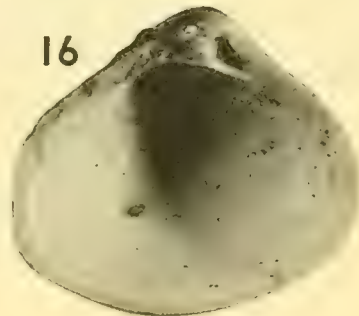
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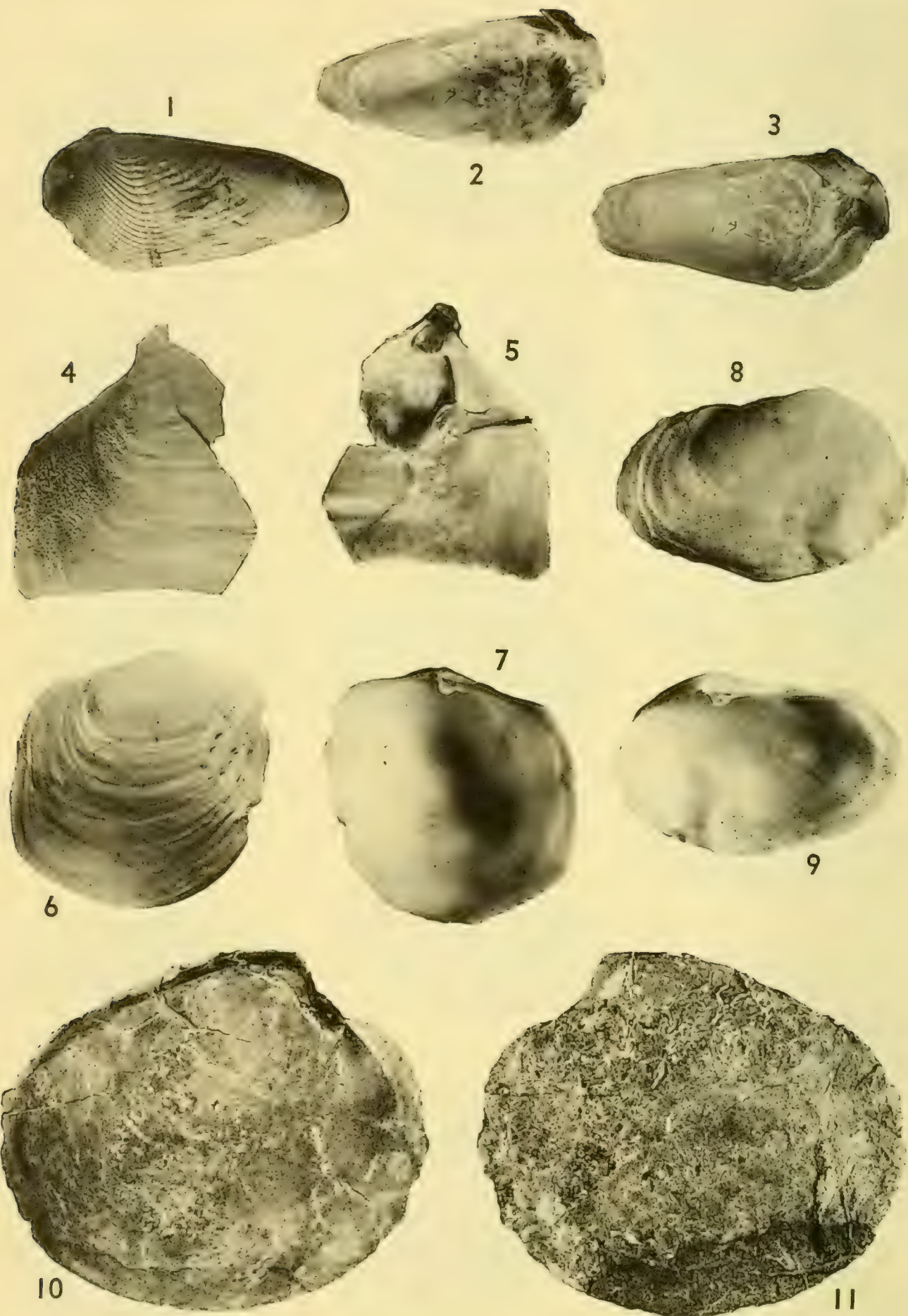
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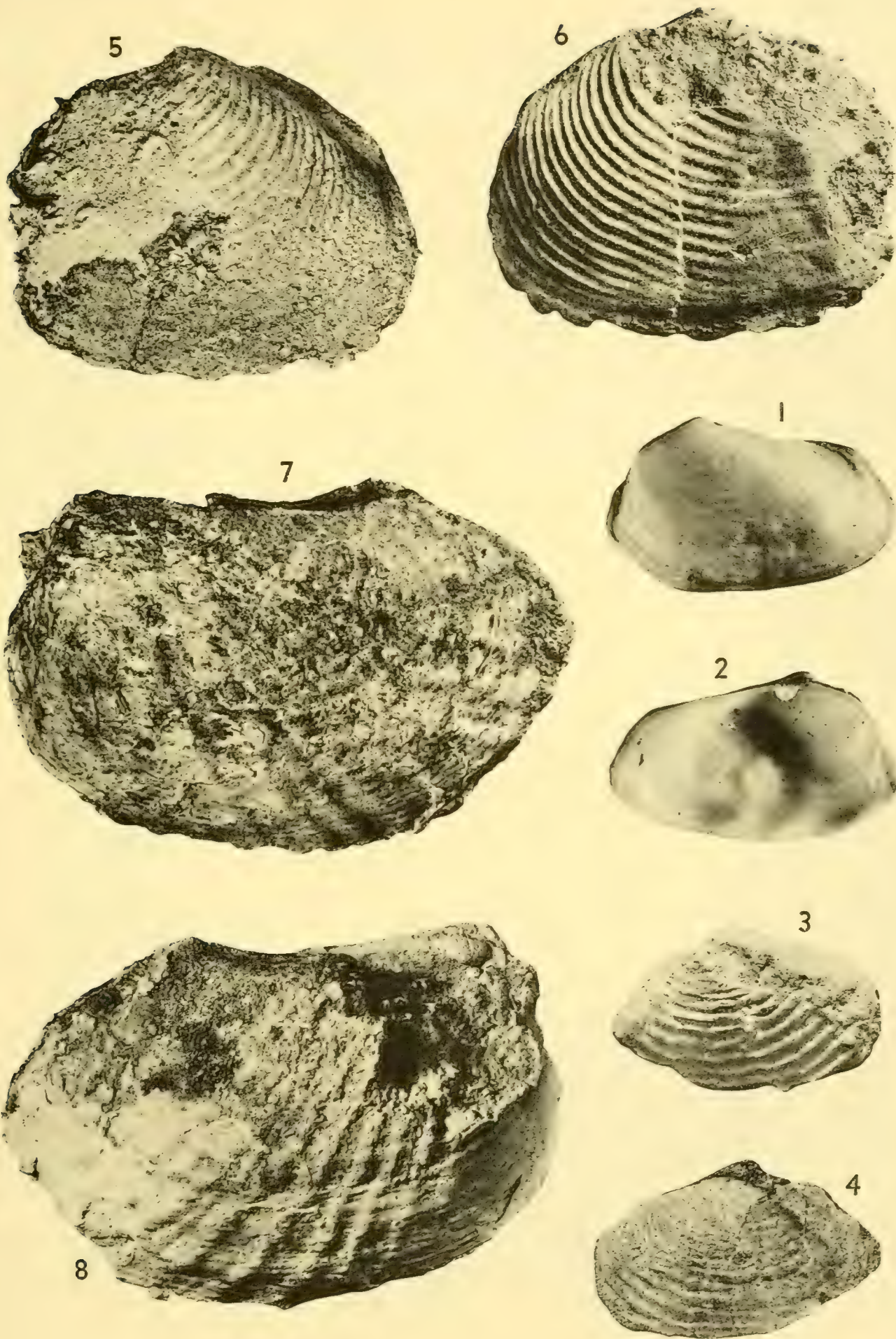


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